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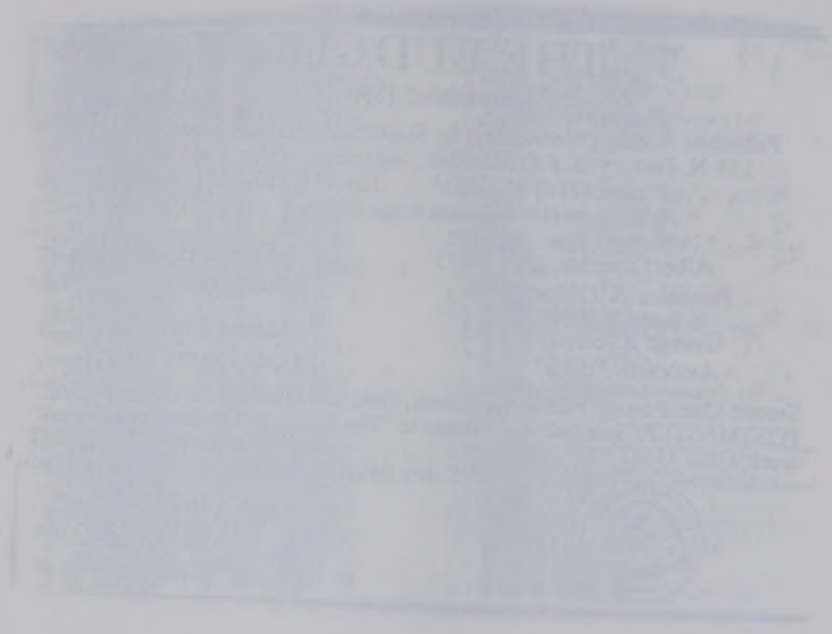

BATESBURG, S.C.

New Holland Comm.

Dec. 26--We had record low temperatures over the weekend, in the teens and lower and some snow.

Jr. Wengerds were to Canada over the holidays to visit Loretta's parents at Northern Youth.

Murray Yoders were to Myrtle Beach for Christmas where they reported a total of 14 inches of snow.

Visitors in church Sunday were Dale Wengerds, Darryl Chupps, Marlin Wengerd and his friend, Lorraine Hershberger, all from Honea Path and surrounding area. Leonard Millers and Brian Waglers from Pickens were also present.

The Wengerds had their Christmas get-together at Wally Wengerds'.

The Val Miller family were to Abbeville Mon. eve. for a Stoltzfus gathering at Billy Stolls'.

The men are pushing to try and finish our new building enough to have the 20th anniversary of Jacob Coblentz's ministry in Mexico on the 29th of this month.

Val Miller

BLACKVILLE, S.C.

Dec. 26--Cold is the word. It's about cold enough to wish for the gnats. A low of 13° Sunday morning with a cold wind resulted in frozen and burst water pipes which will keep plumbers, including Jonas Mast, busy the next few days. The heavy snows along the coast left about an inch in this area.

William Millers and Wilbur Schrocks got into cold weather and snow up north as they returned Mon. eve. from a wedding near Hartville, Ohio. Wilburs accompanied son Glenn, who was invited to the wedding. A number of people attended the Christmas play and program at New Holland Tue. eve. On Wed. eve. our school gave a program at the church, after which we had teacher reorganization for the next six months.

Other actions or activities over the holidays were family gatherings. Ray Miller's family was complete. Mike Glicks, Dundee, New York and Gary Gingerichs from Abbeville completed their gathering.

Randy Lapps and Matt Millers, Sarasota, Fla. were with parents Jonas Masts. Kore Yoders, Union Co., Pa. were with Harry Yoders. Their family gathering was at Mose Kaufmans'. Mahlon and Anna Stoltzfus, Fair Play, were at home with Katie Stoltzfus.

Plans are for Mahlon and Anna, along with Mike and Joyce Glick, to leave Wed. for their homes (Mahlons to visit homefolks) near Dundee, New York.

Atlee Raber left for Daviess Co., Ind. over the holiday, stopping off at Joe Kanagys' near Belevidere, Tn. on their way north.

The Alvin and Lil Stoltzfus family, along with teacher Hannah Stoltzfus, left Fri. for Ohio to visit homefolks, Byard Horsts near Dalton, and Hannah went to her sister near Martinsburg where their family, Amos Stoltzfus from Ark., were to meet together for Christmas. Hannah plans to go along home with her parents to Ark. and be back in the schoolroom after the new year.

David Kanagys left Fri. to visit brothers and sister near Catlett, Va., planning to be back Tue., the 26th.

Vernon Huyards, Lanc. Co., Pa., were with homefolks, Menno Schrocks, and they were expecting son Melvin and Ina Schrock of Catlett, Va. to come later.

Sun. eve. instead of our regular hymn sing the church families divided into 5 groups and went Christmas caroling in the areas of Barnwell, Allendale, Blackville and Healing Springs and were to try to return to the scholhouse by 8:30 for a snack and fellowship. Mark Waglers of Hartville, Ohio were along with William Millers for the occsion, as well as Mrs. Barbara Miller, who came along south with mother-in-law Mrs. Amanda Miller, Benton, Ohio, staying at James Hershbergers' several nights while on their way to Fl.

The Nathan Good and Merle Diem families from Barnwell Menn. were at the Katie Stoltzfus home Christmas eve. along with others for visitation and singspiration.

One hr. services were held at the church on Christmas day, after which Ervin Weavers left for Montezuma, Ga. The Wilbur Schrock family that remained here, along with Ervin Weavers and the Katie Stoltzfus family, had dinner together before Ervins left for Ga.

John Kanagy

ABBEVILLE, S.C.

Dec. 26--The unusual cold spell that has been hanging on for several days has caused havoc with a lot of plumbing and has given the Ray Swartzentruber plumbers a lot of frustration with constant calls of frozen pipes and drains. We did miss out on the snow that they had along the coast.

Early Sun. morning it was discovered that the electricity had gone off during the night at the church, leaving a cold house, so our services were shifted to the school building. Visitors for worship services were the Marcus Overholt family and David Beachy family from Auburn, Ky., also Billy and Catherine Eaton and children from Fair Play, S.C. All of these were guests of David Overholts. Davids and Marcuses left late Sun. night for Fla. for the upcoming Overholt reunion.

We were able to have our usual Christmas morning services in a warm church building again. The Eli Yoder family from Va. Beach spent Christmas Day with their mother Amanda Overholt and she accompanied Elis to Fla. to the Overholt reunion. Others who had plans to attend the gathering were Marvin Yoders and Ben and Sarah Overholt. Ed and Mary Lou Yoder from Ohio spent the weekend with Bens and were also headed for the same place.

Families from here who have left to spend Christmas vacation with their families include Vernon Rabers to Ind. and Ray Overholts to Aroda, Va. where the Edgar Helmuths are observing their 50th wedding anniversary. The Detrich Fehrs are visiting family in Ind., Ohio and Pa. Steve Swartzentrubers are with her folks in Ind. and Lowell Swartzentrubers in Pa. Joel and Mary Catherine Wagler and dau. Marti left for Fla. to visit Susan Gerber and Pete Grabers.

Gaylon Overholt, who has been in services at Stirland Lake in Can., is at home for a 10-day leave, also Wendal Hochstetler from his duties at Fairfax, Va. with Choice Books and Carmen Hochstetler from Mountain View in Aroda, Va.

The youth from the church had an enjoyable evening at the school, all working together baking cookies and fixing plates for shut-ins and elderly folks and distributed them later in the week along with caroling.

Henry Petersheims and family left on Mon. to visit his mother in Oakland, Md. Merlin Beilers are in Va. for their family gathering at Elva Beilers'.

Joe and Andy Hershbergers received the message last week of the death of Allen Wengard, a bro. to Sadie and Lizzie, but due to predictions of icy roads here and more snow in Pa. they didn't get to go to the funeral. Allen, whose age was 82, had been in a nursing home in Ariz. for a number of years. His wife Alta passed away very suddenly several months ago and both of their burials were in their home community in Pa.

Quinn and Katrina Schrock, who have taken over the Choice Books distribution in this area, are spending several weeks back at home in Goshen, Ind.

Mrs. Wm. Stoll

BATESBURG, S.C.

New Holland Community

Jan. 1--A sunny, cold New Year's Day.

Work nights were scheduled last week to prepare for Fri. evening's 20-year celebration of the work of Rio. Grande Gospel Mission started by Jacob Coblentz in Mexico. We will now have our worship service at our new building, but the school will continue at the old facilities until the carpet and heat ducts are installed.

The Dave & Sam Schwartz families were with Reuben Wengerds over New Year's Day.

Val Millers were to Fla. for a family reunion on Dec. 29th at the Sunnyside fellowship hall. Pinecraft seemed to be full of northerners, wanting to get some of that Florida sunshine.

Another attempt will be made Jan. 8th to send the shuttle to space to retrieve a craft that was launched 6 yrs. ago and is losing altitude and will fall back to earth unless it is retrieved. This particular space craft has some 12 million tomato seeds from Park Seed of Greenwood, S.C. on board, as an experiment. Park Seed will then plant these seeds this spring, at their gardens in Greenwood.

Val Miller

PICKENS, S.C.

Pickens Menn. Church

Jan. 8--Richie Lauer visited in his home state of Pa. over the holidays. He got back Jan. 2.

Trent Wagler, Mark, Myra & Ashleigh Miller were at the Clyde Wagler home over Christmas.

Deloris, Neil & Marie & Rollin Miller spent the holiday at Deloris' folks, the Walley Wengerds, New Holland community. Leonard went up to them the Fri. before Christmas.

We're having a nice quiet rain this morn.

Last Wed. I accompanied Jan Gatlin to Faith Mission Home in Va. to take her autistic twins back after being home for the holidays.

While there I toured the place and got to meet some new people. We got back Fri. eve.

Aaron Zooks, Pa. were here over the weekend. They left this morn.

Dorothy Mae Marner

BATESBURG, S.C.

Jan. 8--Rain, rain and more rain.

Otis Masts of Macon, Ms. spent some time with the Ernie Mast family of Denmark and were visitors in Sun. morn. services.

Sun. was our first regular service to be held in our new building. As S.S. classes were being dismissed a car with Kentucky license drove in. A family with a story of misfortune traveling from south Ga. to Mich., asking for help. We invited them to stay for services, after which we would attempt to help them in some way. They decided to move on.

Sam Masts attended a prison ministry mtg. at Erskine College Sat. a.m.

Richard & Rhoda Burkholder & family of Iowa spent several days with the Dale Helmuths this past week.

Sun. eve. the youth were at our home for a snack & fellowship.

Val Miller

WESTMINSTER, S.C.

Jan. 4--Our temp. has moderated some the last several days with several inches of rain again.

Dec. 17th visitors in morn. services were Steve Mast of Ky. & Julie Harris of near Pendleton.

Martha Hochstetler (Mrs. Milan) of Cumberland had been down to help out at Gary Schrocks (dau. Carol).

Dec. 24th Sun. morn. visitors were Clair Steiners of N.C. and David Hershbergers of Whispering Pines cong.

Quite a few of our cong. were gone over Christmas. We were in Pa. to visit dad, William Miller. He had emergency surgery the 25th and is getting along as well as can be expected.

After living here for over 9 years, son Michaels and 4 children have moved back to Va. to work on a chicken farm near Columbia (approx. 20 miles from Cumberland).

Vernon Kauffmans with their 4 daus. have gone to Mn. a week ago to cook at Bible School again for 2 months. Bonnie Yoder (Floyds) is a first time student there.

Sam Kanagys spent several days in Va. last week. They had also taken their 2 foster girls along, ages 6 and 9.

Dec. 31st John, Steve and Tim Andersons and families of Va. attended morn. services as well as Paul Gingeriches and a Seiner boy from Abbeville.

Dick & Judy Harding spent several days in Pa. over Sun. Dean & Carmen Yoder babysat several of their children. Rick H. left for N.Y. again last week where he's working with underprivileged children.

Tonight Steve Chupp, Harley & Gabriel Yoder are leaving for Crystal Lake, Ont. stopping off at M.B.S. over Sun. and expect to be gone several weeks.

David Yoder

HONEA PATH, S.C.

Jan. 10--The sun is shining brightly after several cloudy and rainy days. Temp. is up to 60 degrees.

Strafford Gingerichs of Perry Sound, Ont., Can. came home with her brother Keith Martins. Keiths had spent several weeks with homefolks in Can. Straffords left for home on Tues. after being here for a week.

Alan, son of Clair Steiners of Southern Pines, N.C., left for home on Sun. p.m. He had been doing carpenter work here for severral months and staying with his grandparents, Elmer Hershbergers.

After returning from her Christmas vacation, our first grade teacher, Maria Skrivseth, had special news to tell us. She and Doug, son of Cleon and Lorrene Weber of Tara, Ont., Can. are engaged. Maria is the dau. of Arnie and Leona Skrivseth of Blooming Prairie, Mn. A June wedding is planned.

Henry J.C. Millers returned home on Mon. from Oh. They had attended the funeral of a bro., Monroe J.C. Miller. They also were with Mattie's bro. David Hochstetler who had been a heart patient and was hospitalized.

Michael Klukas, one of the Russian families, left on Tues. morning to move to Calif. He called on Sun. to let our church know they arrived safely.

Fri. evening a men's quartet from Gladys, Va. gave a program in song. Albert Yoders provided their supper and lodging for the night.

Tues. was the monthly sisters' sewing in the church basement. Several sisters were to the Women's Correction Institution at Columbia for Bible study on the same day.

Glenda, dau. of Lloyd Hershbergers of Mt. View, Ark. was visiting in the community last week. She is now attending the Heritage Bible School at Hartwell, Ga. The Bible school started this week and will be in session for 2 terms.

Bonnie Stoll left on Fri. evening for Ohio and then on to Stirland Lake, Ont., Can. She had been serving a term of V.S. at Stirland last year. Clara Chupp is substituting in the classroom for Bonnie.

Pete Gingerichs left Tues. morning for Haiti. They will be attending a meeting with the Son Light Mission board while there.

Ada Chupp

BLACKVILLE, S.C.

Jan. 8--Much rain Fri. through Sunday. We arrived home Fri. from Plain City, Holmes and Wayne Co., Ohio. Were gone a week visiting dau. Alvin Beachys, bro. Ezra and others.

We missed some company while we were gone, Eli Millers of Stuarts Draft, Va. and Joni Millers, Oakland, Md. They had supper at the Harry Yoders' last Thurs. evening.

By the time this is in print, Peter and Martha Schwartz and Fannie and Margie Schwartz will be in Switzerland on a singing tour, sponsored partly by a Menn. who has relatives over there.

Mary Jane Stoltzfus flew northeast to go southwest to meet her friend Paul Wingard, Thomas, Ok. To make proper connections for a free trip with Pan Am which doesn't land in this area, she flew to Charlotte, N.C. for Pan Am, then to Kennedy airport to Dallas, then to Oklahoma City. Her mother Katie Stoltzfus planned to meet her at the Charlotte airport Mon., a three-hour drive.

Merle Diem Jrs., Ralph Millers, Jr. Weavers, Omar Stoltzfus and LaVon Schrock spent Sat. near Montezuma playing football with other youth from other areas in Ga. Omar and LaVon stayed for services there Sun. with the church of their choice, since there are now 3 churches there. In our recent travels we notice some churches are building bigger or adding on along with two or three Beachy groups in the same area. It appears like there is no more open land left to spread out and colonize in a small way to accommodate those that are seeking a different lifestyle.

Wesley Slaubaugh from Southern In. stopped here over Sun. Being in the farm equipment business, they delivered a tractor down south.

Quinn Schrocks, Abbeville, with Choice Books, were also in services, as well as Wesley Yoder and friend Laura Bechtel, Montezuma, Ga. Wesley was in service at Mt. View, Va. with John and Twila Yoder, local, and they keep in touch occasionally. Laura is from In. and works at Yoders' Restaurant.

Ervin Weaver hasn't been feeling the best and had an appointment with a dr. in Columbia, Mon.

Rosie Mast (Jonas) and my wife were gathering eggs together until she developed spasms in her back and was unable to help in the hen house. LaVerda, Mrs. Jr. Weaver and Jonas Mast have taken over for the present time.

We noticed The Budget scribe gathering announcement for Fl. in The Budget and we plan to be there.

John Kanagy

BLACKVILLE, S.C.

Jan. 15--Frogs a-hollerin', sun's a-shinin', robins a-hoppin' and we are next door to spring but winter is still here. We think it is a little early for the frogs and robins to appear without overcoats. We have some sunny days but freezing nights lately.

Teacher Susan Miller is attending Bible School in Ark. at present and Mose, Anna (Kaufman) is substitute teacher until Susan returns.

James Hershbergers sold their property and moved into the school trailer near the school house Fri. eve., a temporary move.

John Yoders and Ray Millers were helping son and bro.-in-law Gary Gingerich build a new house near Abbeville on Sat. and attended services at Whispering Pines Sun., arriving home again Sun. eve. Teacher Hannah Stoltzfus went along with Rays to Abbeville.

The writer was scheduled for prison services Fri. eve. and also invited to help James Hershbergers move, but didn't do either one, since we had a visitor, Mr. Flu, who was with us two days and two nights.

Sun. at 2:00 p.m. was the funeral of Mrs. Norman Owens, well-known in the neighborhood. Some years earlier their house burned and was rebuilt by Raymond Schrock and donated labor from our church.

John Kanagy

BATESBURG, S.C.

Jan. 15--Temps. up into the 60's this past week.

The schoolchildren enjoyed Friday at the state museum in Columbia.

Dale Mast returned home Sat. from Atmore, Ala. and the revival effort in progress there.

Fri. eve. Sam Masts, along with son Kevin and Lavern Grabers left for Fla. and then on to Haiti to visit the mission work of Fellowship Haven, a work started by Joe Miller of Ind.

Our visitors Sun. were Otis Masts of Miss. They were down to Charleston this past week to work with M.D.S. in the cleanup of Hurricane Hugo. He also shared in our Sun. eve. program.

Concerning the work in Charleston and surrounding areas. There is still much to be done. Some folks without electricity yet, after 4 months.

Darrel and Dorothy Chupp, Marlin Wengerd and Lorraine Hershberger also attended our Sun. morn. services.

Dale Helmuths are making preparations to move closer into the comm. from where they lived in Aiken.

Val Millers

ABBEVILLE, S.C.

Jan. 16--Nights are cold and mornings are frosty with daytime temps. in 60's and reaching 70° yesterday.

The James Yoder family of Belleville, Pa. was here visiting his brother Albert and family. On Sun. they were all at Ernest Hoch. home as dinner guests. James shared at Coldspring Cong. Sunday evening. Their mother Orpha Yoder and nephew Kevin Mullett of Holmes met them here and they plan to travel to Sarasota together, then continue on to Belize.

Marlene Hochstetler was happy to have a way to visit sis. Carmen at Mt. View this weekend. She went with Titus, Ellen and Amanda Overholt, as they went to Aroda to attend the funeral of J. Elmer Yoder. Bill and Katie Stoll, Elmer and Sarah and Andy and Lizzie Hershberger also attended the same funeral.

Joel and Mary Catherine Wagler were gone this weekend to southern Ind. to the funeral of Orpha Lengacher.

Donna Swartzentruber enjoyed having Hannah Stoltzfus pay her a visit. Hannah is teaching school at Blackville.

On Sat. was a pleasant day for games, so some of our youth boys were to Whispering Pines to play football with their youth. Our sons also enjoyed the game, with LaMar coming home with his hand hurt and x-rays revealed a broken hand. Mary Ellen Raber

PICKENS, S.C.

Pickens Mennonite Church

Jan. 15--We had some real spring-like weather.

The school students enjoyed a field trip to Cowpens, S.C. on Tues. It is a national battlefield of the Revolutionary War.

Derrick and Christina Hershberger were overnight guests of my sister and brother, Janice and Steven. We took them home to Abbeville Sunday evening after church.

Sunday morning visitors at church were some youth from the Abbeville Communiuty, namely Joan and Ronnie Miller, Kathy Hershberger and Mike Chupp. Also present was Richie's college history teacher. I failed to get his name. All of the above were guests of Richie. They all had dinner at the Clyde Wagler home. Dorothy Mae Marner

HONEA PATH, S.C.

Jan. 17--Beautiful spring weather! Temp. has been in the 70s the last several days.

Min. James Yoder of Belleville, Pa. ministered to us on Sun. morning at Whispering Pines. James and family were visiting his bro. Albert and family. His mother Orpha Yoder and nephew Kevin Mullet of Holmes Co., Ohio also came with them. After spending the weekend here they went to Fla. Orpha plans on being there for the winter while the others travel on to Belize.

The Ray Miller family of Blackville were also visitors at our morning services. They were guests with their dau. and family, the Gary Gingerichs.

Bish. Joseph Hershbergers were to Holmes Co., Oh. over the weekend. They assisted in the ordination of Wilbur Hershberger as bishop at the Sharon church.

Several of our couples were present at the prison services at Columbia on Sun. morning.

Jerry and Trenda Yoder and son of Minnesota arrived here on Mon. evening. They are renting our basement apartment for the winter. Trenda is a sister to Maria Skrivseth, our first grade teacher who is staying with us. Jerry is doing some carpenter work with Albert Yoder.

Darrel Chupps, Marlin Wengerd and special friend Lorrain Hershberger were weekend guests with Wallace Wengerds at New Holland.

Maria Skrivseth spent the weekend with her cousin Ivan Skrivseth at Barnwell, S.C.

Kathy Hershberger, Mike Chupp, Joan and Ronnie Miller attended the morning service at Pickens on Sunday.

Ada Chupp

ABBEVILLE, SC

Jan. 22--We are having very pretty and mild winter days with daytime temp. in the 60s and reaching 70°.

We are having quite a few down with the flu from our congregation. Arnold Wiley spent 3 days in the hosp. He's been sick since they came home from Pa. for the holidays. He was running high temp. and because of that the liquids he was taking in did not keep him from dehydrating. He now is at home and still weak, but feeling better.

Joel Wagler and Lester Nisly were to Pickens to church on Sun., but because Mary Kathryn and dau. Marta weren't feeling well and Carolyn Nisly also just getting over the flu bug and pneumonia, the women stayed at home.

On Wed. morning Mrs. Lydia Mullet and Pete Grabers planned to head for their Fla. home. They had been with the Joel Wagler fam. and they weren't feeling too well. So Betty Wagler came to their rescue and drove the car for them, giving Betty a way to also visit her parents. They were on I-75 when a semi rig cut in on them, sending them off the highway and rolling the car. They all were injured and all were hospitalized except Betty was treated for her head injury and released.

David and Nancy Overholt traveled to Sarasota to spend some time with his parents, Abner and Fannie.

Ernest and Edna Yoder and family of Cuthbert, Ga. were visiting Ben and Sarah Overholt. Ernest shared in our Sun. morning worship services.

Ernest and Mary Ellen Hochstetler were happy to have one of their empty beds filled this weekend when Harvey and Saloma Yoder of Fair Play came to visit.

The Ivan Hershberger family had guests this weekend, a family from Greenville whom they met at meetings at Charlotte, Fritz and JoAnn Quebe and family. They also worshipped with us on Sun.

Norman and Mary Swartzentruber and Mary Gingerich traveled to Arthur, Ill. for the funeral of Mrs. Menno Kuhns. Norman was asked to share the Word of God at the funeral.

On Fri. morning 8 of our youth group left for C.B.S. for a 3-week term. They are Albert Overholt, John Fehr, Jared Wiley, Thelma Hochstetler, Regina Nisly, Anna Swartzentruber, Teresa Wagler and dau. Esther.

Also on Fri. morning son LaMar, Charles Wagler and Donna Swartzentruber left for Holmes Co., Oh. where the boys had a meeting to go to at the Bill Mullet home. They all returned home early Mon. morning. Mary Ellen Raber

BATESBURG, S.C.

New Holland Community

Jan. 23--Unseasonably warm, daytime highs into the 70's for the past week. We sowed some wheat on Jan. 13th and it is beginning to shoot up.

Carpet was put in our church bldg. last week and today some of the men poured concrete for the sidewalks.

The Ervin and Wally Wengerd families were to Pickens on Sun. visiting family and friends.

Marvin Beachys of Atmore, Ala. were visiting their daughter, the Darrel Masts and attended services Sun. morn.

Sun. eve. Murray Yoders and Val Millers were invited to Wayne Overholts' in Abbeville for supper and to help Leora Overholt celebrate her birthday.

Robin Miller met Wayne Nisley and Glen Swartzentruber of Abbeville, and Jason Miller and Arlen Lapp of Antrim, Ohio at Myrtle Beach last week for several days. They all worked at Hillcrest Home this past yr. Val Miller

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HONEA PATH, S.C.

Jan. 25--We had several rainy days with very moderate temp. in the 60's.

Min. Oliver Hess of Ill. delivered the message at the Sun. morning services. He is teaching at Heritage Bible School. Bill Hochstetlers of Barnwell also attended our morning service.

Bill Masters attended the funeral last Wed. of his cousin Delores Masters at Sandusky, Ohio.

Miriam Welch of Ga. was an overnight guest with Vernon Chupps on Mon. night. She was on her way home from Va. Beach, Va.

Last week Chad, son of Ray Hershbergers, broke his left arm at school. He was on roller skates and fell.

Wendy O'Bannon of Abbeville passed away on Mon. The funeral is to be at the Friendship Baptist Church in Abbeville on Fri. afternoon. She is the mother of Stan O'Bannon who is a member of the Hartwell Mennonite Church. She had several heart attacks.

Last evening was the banquet at H.B.S. Clara Chupp and I were in charge of the meal. Fri. evening is to be the closing program for the first term.

Our family spent the weekend in the hills near Westminster, S.C. Those present with us were Paul Hershbergers, Katie Ann Swartzentruber and children, Katie Troyer, Vernon and Darrel Chupps. On Sat. evening as our grandson Michael Chupp was on his way home, a pickup truck ran into his Camaro, hitting him broadside as he was making a left-hand turn. He was pinned in between the door and console for 30 minutes until the saw and jaws-of-life were used to get him out. He was taken to the Anderson Hospital emergency room. After the examination they gave a good report of only bruises and dismissed him. The driver of the truck had no injuries. Both vehicles were totaled.

Ada Chupp

BLACKVILLE, SC

Jan. 22--We fail to understand the weather pattern at present with our maple trees budding, dandelion and forsythia blooming and only one month into winter.

Amos and Viola Wickey of Shipshewana, Ind. were present at our mid-week service Wed. evening. They arrived from Fla. and stayed at Wilbur Schrocks' part of the night, leaving early Thurs. morning for a dentist appointment at 6:00 a.m. in Florence, S.C.

The Wilbur Schrock family went to Catlett, Va. for the weekend to see the new granddau. at Daniel Masts'.

Katie Stoltzfus and dau. Linda (Mrs. Samuel Miller) attended services at Fair Play on Sun. and visited in p.m. with dau. Anna and husband Mahlon Stoltzfus.

Ervin Weavers left Tues. morning for Montezuma, Ga. and from there a number of the family plan to meet dau. and sis. Ruth Weaver at the Atlanta airport around 5 p.m. Ruth has several mos. furlough from Double Head Cabbage, Belize.

Joe Troyers and baby of Hartville, Oh. arrived at bro.-in-law William Millers' Sun. evening. Due to the wet weather in Oh. they decided to come to the sunny south and Joe plans to work for William in construction for a week.

It was stated that the Barnwell Co. Hosp. was overflowing with flu patients last week. No sickness among our group at present that we know of.

Mrs. Enos Yoder was cook for 2 days, Fri. and Sat. at Heritage Bible School, Hartwell, Ga., relieving the regular cook. Enos left Sun. noon with others from the Barnwell Menn. youth for Hartwell and accompanied his wife Oneta home Sun. evening.

Levi Masts of Sarasota, Fla. stopped overnight at David Kanagys' on their way to and from Alberta, Can. where they visited son John. Levis had gone to Catlett, Va. and accompanied twins David and Daniel and left by air from D.C.

Mon. night Jean, Mrs. Levi Mast, stopped overnight at David Kanagys' on her way with another couple to Hartville, Oh. to see her mother, Mrs. Amos Wagler, who is in a hosp.

John Kanagy

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BATESBURG, S.C.

New Holland Community

Jan. 26--Continued moderate weather.

We were glad to have Sam Masts and Lavern Grabers back from their travels to Haiti, visiting some of the missions operating there.

Ervin Wengerds delivered several trucks to Pa. and as it was close to where they used to live. Loretta followed with their van. They spent a few days with homefolks.

Ruben Wengerds had quite a scare Wed. eve. as they were on their way to the Croft House for services. Suddenly a rock was thrown through a side window landing on the floor. Fortunately no one was hurt.

Visitors in church services this a.m. were the Robert Hiltys from Elida, Ohio bringing their daughter to Hartwell for Bible school. They visited another daughter, the Ernie Mast family of Denmark. J.B. Gnnter also attended our Sunday morning services.

Jennifer Yoder is also attending the last 3 weeks of Bible School at Heritage, with her parents' taking her up Sunday afternoon. Val Millers

PICKENS, S.C.

Pickens Menn. Church

Jan. 28--We're having nice & sunny weather.

Wilma Maust is here on a short visit on her way to Florida, for her brother Glen's wedding. She plans to leave tomorrow morning. Linda & Jennifer Champ & Leonard Orendorf Jr. are here with her.

Last Fri. eve. was the program for the first term at Heritage Bible School. Clyde & Miriam Wagler attended. James & Deloris Stutzman, Marita, Jim, Steve & Wendell met them there and came back with them and were here in the area for the weekend.

Jerry & Trenda Yoder & son, Minn., living in Abbeville at present, James Stutzman family, Aberdeen, N.C., Wilma Maust, Jennifer & Linda Champ, Leonard Orendorf Jr. (Pa. & Md.) and Richard Burkholder, Jesup, Ga. attended Sunday morn. services. In the afternoon Richie Lauer, my dad, sister, brother & I passed out "Just For You" tracts in Pickens. The David Hamilton family attended our evening service. They are from around here (Pickens). Richie Lauer had devotions then left for Abbeville to spend the evening with the young folks there. Dorothy M. Marner

HONEA PATH, S.C.

Jan. 31--Sunny and spring-like is the weather at present. The temp. is up in the 60's.

Visitors in our Sun. morning services were Clair Steiners of Southern Pines, N.C., Glenda and Dale Hershbergers and their mother Joyce Hershberger from Mt. View, Ark., also a young man from Belton who seems to be interested in seeking the Bible truth. Dorothy Chupp and Lorrain Hershberger were taken in as members Sun. morning.

In our evening services Enos Heatwoles of Barnwell showed slides they took while in Russia. The churchhouse was well filled. Among the visitors were Esther Hershberger and her mother Katie from Montezuma, Ga.

Jerry and Trenda Yoder and son attended the church services at Pickens on Sun. morn. They had dinner with Clyde Waglers.

Mike Millers, Cochranton, Pa. were overnight guests with Darrel Chupps on Sun. Wallace Wengerds, New Holland and Leonard Millers, Pickens, were supper guests.

Mrs. Ivan Yoder was called to serve on jury duty last week. After testifying and stating the reason of refraining from serving on the jury, she convinced the judge to excuse her. The judge said that in his 47 years in office he never had been confronted with such a decision. We will probably be faced with this some more as they are taking a new method of selecting. They used to choose from the ones that registered to vote, now it's from anyone that has a driver's license.

Fri. evening was the closing program of the first term at Heritage Bible School. Andy Hershberger of Due West was the guest speaker. The gym was well filled. This term has increased to full capacity. Includng the faculty, the number is 94.

Murry Yoders of New Holland spent Sun. eve. with Vernon Chupps. They had taken their dau. Jennifer to H.B.S.

Maria Skrivseth spent the weekend in Canada with her future husband, Doug Weber. Due to a heavy snowstorm she was stranded in Buffalo, N.Y. After spending the night in a motel she was able to leave in the morning. She arrived home by mid-afternoon. Clara Chupp substituted for her in the classroom during her absence.

Kenneth Wengerd of New Holland is spending several days this week at Darrel Chupps'. He was helping Darrel on a job in Greenwood. Ada Chupp

ABBEVILLE, S.C.

Jan. 30--This last week we've had several inches of rain. We have good drainage here and usually water isn't standing around long, but with all the rains the ground is saturated.

The rain has not dampened the work and the willingness at the schoolhouse in converting the gym into a new kitchen and dining room and Titus has finished the grading and leveling off where the new fellowship hall is to be. The Swartzentruber men are there today working on the plumbing.

Last week Bill Millers of Chesapeake, Va. visited their friends formerly from Va. Beach. Bills were traveling home from Fla.

Nevin and Dorothy Derstine and family of Montana worshipped with us on Sun. They have been working in the Sumpter area logging the trees that Hugo brought down. It is needful to get the trees while they are still in their prime, and with so many trees down it is so much going to waste. They will only be able to salvage about 2% in time.

Katie and Esther Hershberger of Montezuma were visiting family this last week and came to church on Sunday.

John and Ruth Hershberger and girls of Jesup also worshipped with us and visited son Phillip and their parents, Amanda Overholt and Joe and Sadie, before taking their dau. Mary Lou to Heritage B.S. Ed Stoll also left for a term at H.B.S.

Joe and Sadie Hershberger have left for their winter stay in Pinecraft, taking several passengers along. Mary Catherine Wagler went along to stay with her parents at the hospital at Brooksville. Karen Swartzentruber also went along to spend several days with her parents, then Steve plans to go and bring her back this weekend.

Betty Wagler has flown back home and was able to come to church on Sunday, although she is still sore. Her sores are healing and still has shiners on both of her eyes.

Leona and Myron Stoltzfus spent several days here, which brought smiles and a happy heart for Wayne Nisly to have his future wife pay him a visit.

Wendal Hochstetler came on Friday and left again early Sun. morn. for Fairfax where he's serving for Choice Books. He came to pick up Alphie Petersheim who was at H.B.S.

Sunday morning our men's chorus was invited to come to a Baptist Church at Belton and give a program in song.

Sun. morning they also gave a program at the McCormick prison with Andy Hershberger preaching for the prisoners. Mary Ellen Raber

BLACKVILLE, S.C.

Jan. 30--We drove through heavy rain and wind on the way home from work Tues. evening. Eli Millers of Stuarts Draft, Va. were here Thurs. night on their way home from Fla. They drove through a lot of rain Thurs. eve. and by Fri. morning skies were clear and cold, in the 30s when they left for home. Eli wasn't in the best of health and didn't want to get involved with tests and doctors in Florida.

Ervin Millers of Walnut Creek, Ohio arrived at bro.-in-law Wilbur Schrocks' Friday. That evening a number of volunteers went to C.C.I. Prison in Columbia for services in the prison chapel where Ervin and Wilbur were in charge. Ervin is nearly full time in prison ministries. They were on their way for a vacation in Fl., leaving Monday. Alvin Stoltzfus said we almost wore Ervin out by asking him for devotions Sun. morning and again Sun. eve., and children's class in our regular monthly hymn singing.

We got a phone call Sun. eve. from Kennedy Airport just before church services from dau. Martha who said they arrived safely from their German, Austria and Switzerland singing tour. They flew through German Airlines, a huge plane carrying 400 people. They were right at home with their Swiss language in Switzerland, while in Austria they used English.

Joe Troyers of Hartville, Oh., staying at bro.-in-law William Millers', attended services at Abbeville Sun. morning.

Ervin Weaver was in Columbia for x-rays Monday. They came home late Sat. eve. from Montezuma after going along with others from Montezuma looking for land in northwest Ga. near Ringgold.

Rhoda Speicher and nephew David Peachey, Belleville, Pa. stopped off at Merle Diems' on their way to Cuthbert, Ga. While here, Rhoda heard about her sister's baby being very sick. She then decided to fly back to Pa. & David took along Mrs. Diem (Marlene) to Ga. Marlene returned again with her parents, Ervin Weavers, late Sat. night.

John and Twila Yoder attended the Bible School program at Hartwell, Ga. Fri. eve. and visited with Mahlon and Anna Stoltzfus, Gary and Lisa Gingerich at Fair Play and Abbeville that weekend.

The James Hershberger family left early Sat. morning for Belvidere, Tenn. to be with the brethren there on Sunday.

Min. Harry Yoder related in his message Sun. that he believes he has kept his guardian angel busy the last while. A 2x4 fell on his head on the job. Sat. as he was leaving the house his feet slipped out from under him on the frosty steps, resulting in some bruises. Earlier he had an excitement with a run-away pickup in Orangeburg. The gears slipped in reverse and the truck started backing towards the street and Harry running to stop it. The iron horse wasn't ready to stop and knocked him down in a light daze, and when he got up it was going across the street until he got it stopped.

John Kanagy

ABBEVILLE, S.C.

Feb. 5--We've had quite a bit of rain again this weekend. Temp. reaching mid 60's today.

Jeremy Overholt (Davids) was in the hospital several days last week after having his knee repaired that he had hurt while playing ball several months ago. He has his leg in a cast, but he was back to school again today.

Ray, Elma, Lowell, Anna Mae and boys made a flying trip to Montezuma, Ga. this weekend, with Lowel being the pilot.

Phillip Hershberger had his sister and husband, Laura and Gary Kauffman and dau. here this weekend.

A correction: Steve Swartzentruber did not drive to Sarasota to bring Karen and Sean home. They and Mary Kathryn Wagler came home on the famous Pioneer Trails bus. Steve and Joel picked them up at Orangeburg.

The Merlin Byler fam. was absent from our group on Sun. They traveled to H.B.S. Merlin was asked to come teach the Sun. School class.

Guests at our Sun. eve. services were Jake and Ruth Schwartz, & Dean and Nettie Weaver of Pickens. They and the John Wagler family were our guests afterwards.

Our mild temperatures these days brings some early flowers. Last week I saw my first dandelion and this morning my first wild daffodil.

Mrs. Vernon Raber

BATESBURG, S.C.

New Holland Community

Feb.5--Beautiful spring-like weather with temps. up in the 60s and 70s. Wheat fields are greening up. A few peas were put in the ground on Sat.

Visitors in Sun. morn. services were Brian & Glenda Wagler & son, Paul & Kathryn Mast family, all from Pickens, Kennie Overholts, Dale Wengerds from Abbeville. Also Porter Wideman of Greenwood and Dennis & Connie Schwartz and son Austin of Simpsonville.

Our men, and some from the Barnwell-Blackville Church, framed a house in Aiken Fri. & Sat. for Habitat for Humanity. A local church served the meals. Another work night is scheduled Tues. eve. to work on Dale Helmuth's house. They're hoping to move around the 15th.

Val & Greg Miller and Vernon Lowenberg were to a poultry convention in Atlanta Fri. traveling with a bus load, chartered by Amick Farms.

Val Millers

UNION GROVE, S.C.

Feb. 6--Another rain of over an inch Sat. Has cleared and cooled off.

Isaac Yoders and son Nathaniel, Floyd Grabers and son Larry, Andy Yoders and Leroy Esh of here and Ivan Yoder of Flemingsburg, Ky., traveling with Danny Troyer of Bedford, Pa., left last Thurs. at noon for Central America, with Isaacs and Andys planning to attend the wedding of Joseph Peachey and Lois, dau. of Sanford Yoders in Costa Rica on Feb. 9th, then join the others again at Guaimaca, Honduras with plans to be gone about 3 weeks.

Kore Yoder brought his son Ivan from Flemingsburg on Wed. to join the above load, returning home again on Thurs.

Robert Nissleys and dau. Mary Beth of Paris, Tn. arrived at Dad's last Wed. eve., visiting with them and the rest of the family until early Fri. morn. when they left for home with comfort stalls and self-locking stanchions for brothers Lester and Raymonds' dairy operations, the equipment being made in Isaac Yoders' shop.

Min. Dan Troyers of Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa. arrived at John Eashes' Sat. a.m., being on their way home from Fla. They made some calls Sat., spent the night with Amelia Yoder, attended church services at Thomas Peacheys', took dinner at Sam Yoders', then left for home in p.m.

Freeman Mast of Mo., who was on his way to Fla. with equipment to unload train cars, stopped at his bro. Alvins' Sat. night, leaving again Sun. morn.

Uriel Millers

BLACKVILLE, SC

Feb. 5--Eli Rabers and Atlee Rabers visited with dau. and sis. Martha at Mt. View Nursing Home, Aroda, Va. this past weekend. Jonas Masts left Fri. p.m. for Sarasota, Fla. to a wedding on Sat. Mary Jane Stoltzfus went along with the Masts.

Teacher Hannah's sis. and husband, Robert Millers of Martinsburg, Oh. were here several days visiting Hannah and friends. Much rain in Oh. delayed construction for Robert, thus taking the opportunity to go to the sunny south. Kenneth Millers of Holmes Co., Oh. were with Uncle Wilbur Schrocks Sun. on their way to Fla.

Andy Millers of McConnelsville, Oh. were here Sun., staying at Wilbur Schrocks' overnight and leaving Mon. for M.D.S. work near Charleston, expecting to meet with others there from Oh.

John Stoltzfus and wife, along with son Sam Stoltzfus family of Honey Brook, Pa. were in the area Sun. After dinner at Katie Stoltzfus' they left for Jesup, Ga. and on to Fla.

A number of the brethren worked Fri. and Sat. on a habitat house in Aiken. A habitat house is a house built for the poor with volunteer labor.

Mrs. Ray Miller left Sat. after midnight on the Pioneer Trail bus, getting on the bus near Orangeburg for Sugarcreek, Oh. to visit homefolks, Adin Kaufmans. Ray Susie, with her parents, plans to return early Thurs. morning on the Pioneer bus.

William Millers plan to leave Tues. morning for Sarasota, Fla. and take in among other things the quilt show at Palm Grove.

We plan to leave for the same place Tues. morning, stopping off at Montezuma, Ga. overnight and plan to be at the Budget reunion in Sarasota Sat. morning.

John Kanagy

HONEA PATH, S.C.

Feb. 6--Since our weather has been so warm the peach trees are beginning to bud. This could cause problems if we get a hard frost yet this spring. Peaches are a major crop in our state. Early flowers are revealing the time of year.

Mahlon Mullets, Sugarcreek, Oh., left today for home after spending a week with their son Myron and family. They had been with the Southern Pines Cong. in N.C. prior to coming here.

Wed. evening Vernon Bachers of Ind. presented slides and gave a talk on the program Fresh Start. He is one of the faculty which is located in Montgomery, Ind. He also presented the program on Thurs. to the students at H.B.S. in Hartwell, Ga.

An announcement was made on Sunday morning of the engagement of Marlin, son of Wallace Wengerd, New Holland, S.C. and Lorraine, dau. of Jacob Hershberger of Va. Beach, Va. A June wedding is planned.

On Monday Ruthie Hershberger and Fannie and Mattie Miller spent the day at Bill Hochstetlers' at Barnwell. They helped with some quilting.

Darrel Chupps left for Sarasota, Fla. on Thurs. to spend a long weekend with a sister, Mary Ellen Chupp and nephew Vernon Swartzentruber. Richie Laurer of Pickens, Mike and David Chupp also spent several days at the same place.

Rosie Hershberger is spending tonight with her husband Joe. He is teaching at H.B.S. She will be taking in a little shopping tomorrow with several of the other ladies whose husbands are teaching.

Two Russian refugee ladies, Nadezda Alexeykova and Nadezda Bogotova arrived at the Greenville-Spartanburg airport today. They are renting Jerry Yoder's house which is located near Whispering Pines church. They are overwhelmed by the generosity of our people. They speak no English, so Lynn Wegener or our other Russian couple are the interpreters.

Jerry Stoltzfuses moved in their double wide trailer which is located back from their former trailer. His father, Elam, is now moved into the one Jerrys vacated.

Ada Chupp

ABBEVILLE, S.C.

Feb. 12--Friday and Friday night we had rains amounting to 3 inches plus and high winds, with some wind damage and tornadoes being sighted in the neighboring counties. Otherwise the last week we had sunny days.

We at Cold Spring Menn. Church welcome home Albert, Jared, John, Anna, Esther, Regina, Teresa and Thelma from C.B.S. They report rains almost all the way home. This evening our youth group and sponsors are enjoying their Valentine supper.

This morning Bishop Andy Hershberger left for Pittsburgh, Pa. airport, meeting Daniel Bontrager, Noah Beechy, Lewis Tice, then all flying to London, England and from there flying to Africa on an exploratory mission.

Last evening a terrible and sad thing happened in the Due West community about 4 miles from us. A middle-aged colored man shot and killed his 91-year-old mother, his twin brother and 2 of his sisters. At this point the cause of the shooting is unknown.

Sunday evening our men's chorus and some of their families traveled to Fair Play to give a program in song.

With all of our rains recently, fields and lawns are greening up and spring flowers are starting to bloom.

Mrs. Vernon Raber

PICKENS, S.C.

Pickens Mennonite Church

Feb. 11--Last week the school students enjoyed a field trip to World of Energy, a place where you learn about energy and electricity.

Janice Marner was down last week with what we think was pneumonia. Miriam Wagler hasn't been feeling real well the last couple of days either. My grandpa, David Wagler had knee surgery last week. They operated and found a malignant lump.

Trent Wagler came home last week from Florida where he was living for a while.

The Raymond Miller family, Ohio, is here at our place for the weekend. They arrived Sat. afternoon and plan to head on for Florida tomorrow.

Dennis and Connie Schwartz and son Austin welcomed her parents, Victor Overholts from Va. for a visit. Victors attended our morning service.

Tim Stoltzfus, Bob Jones University, Greenville attended our morning and evening service. He just recently started college at B.J.U. He's from Va.

Here from Ohio were Lewis Wagler and family. He brought us an evening message. Sunday afternoon Deloris, Neil and Marie Miller, Brian Wagler, Richie Lauer, Tim Stoltzfus, Janice and I gathered at the church to pass out tracts, which is something we try to do once a month.

Dorothy Mae Marner

BATESBURG, S.C.

New Holland Community

Feb. 12--Continued beautiful weather and this has been the most pleasant winter (with the exception of the cold snap in Dec.) of any winter that I can remember. Nature is beginning to spring to life.

Tue. eve. part of our group of men were putting in the duct work at the church while others worked at the house of Dale Helmuths.

Wed. eve. several of us were over to Barnwell Menn. Church where Ken Brenneman of Millbank, Ont. was holding meetings.

The flu is making its rounds. Some of Ervin Wengerd's family had it.

Weekend visitors with us were the Clair Steiners and the James Stutzman families of Aberdeen, N.C. with James sharing the message. Also Enos Yoder of Blackville. His wife Oneta was filling in for the cooks up at Hartwell at the Bible School. Greg and Rolin Miller were up to Heritage for services Sun. morn.

Sun. eve. in our program Sam Mast invited 2 former drug and alcohol addicts to share their life story. They both have served time in prison but now hold respectable jobs.

Seen on a church sign: a new diet...Swallow your pride, it's non-fattening."

Val Millers

HONEA PATH, S.C.

Feb. 15--The spring flowers are in full bloom. Our 70° weather is unusual for this time of year.

Max Clugston and Omar Martins of Pa. were visitors in our services on Sunday. Also at the evening services were Sandy Martin from The Wilderness Camp at Fair Play and the Galen Schrock family of Macon, Miss. Galen is the music director at H.B.S.

Marie Skrivseth left on Fri. morning to attend the wedding of Alta Martin and Jeff Tucker at Liberty, Ky. which was held on Sat. Merv. Martin of Anderson also went along.

James Goods, South Boston, Va. were Sun. guests with Daniel Hershbergers. They left for home in the afternoon taking Janette Hershberger along. She plans to return with her sister Bonnie on Friday. Bonnie has completed the first grade teaching session at South Boston.

Lorraine Hershberger and Marlin Wengerd spent the weekend at New Holland with Wallace Wengerds.

Tues. eve. the young marrieds had a Valentine's supper at the Whispering Pines fellowship hall. Brian Waglers and Leonard Millers of Pickens were also present.

Rolin Miller of New Holland, Gina and Paul Gingerich left on Tues. for the Hillcrest Nursing Home at Harrison, Ark. After picking up Hannah Gingerich they plan on visiting some of the Gingerich family in Iowa and Ohio.

Our local news has been quite frightening. Sun. evening a colored minister from Due West shot and killed his mother, sister, twin brother and his sister-in-law.

Yesterday afternoon a 7-month-old baby boy was kidnapped at a child care center near Honea Path. A lady said the child's father sent her to pick up the baby, as the mother was in an accident and was unconscious at the hospital. Since the lady knew the family by their name and she said she was his aunt, the worker was unaware of what was taking place. About an hour later they checked the place where his mother works and found her there on the job. Immediately the search was on. The baby was found this morning among the hedges near the Augusta, Ga. hospital by a maintenance man. He was sound asleep. After being thoroughly checked by drs. and officials he is again united with his happy parents.

Last evening instead of our regular Bible study and prayer meeting there was a parent-teacher meeting.

Ivan Chupp of Orrville, Ohio stopped in for several hours with us on Wed. afternoon. He was on his way to Stone Mountain, Ga. making a delivery with his semi truck.

Rachel Hershberger and 2 daughters left on Sun. evening with her father, Min. Earl Schlabach of Mt. View, Ark. Earl held meetings last week at H.B.S. Jay Hershberger will be joining his wife and girls this weekend and will bring them back home.

Kenneth, son of Wallace Wengerd of New Holland, is staying at Darrel Chupps' this week. He is working for P H Steel Erectors.

Ada Chupp

BATESBURG, S.C.

New Holland Community

Feb. 18--Temp. didn't go above the 40's all day and we are getting a cold rain. Early peach trees are in full bloom and that is always a sight to behold.

It has been a busy week for our people here as we attempt to ready the house that Dale Helmuths will be moving into shortly.

Fri. evening some of our people were to the closing program of Heritage Bible school. Jennifer Yoder attended the last 3 weeks.

Visitors in church this morn. were the Marvin Beilers and Randy Miller of Meigs, Ga., Enos and Oneta Yoder and Jane Stoltzfus of Blackville, Scott and Sandra Hoover of Pa., also James Masts of Fair Play and Wesley Hershbergers of Abbeville.

Wesley installed the kitchen cabinets earlier in our fellowship center. We have now moved the school over, giving Sam Mast his garage bldg. back that we've used for over 2 yrs.

We were to Anderson Sat. to attend the wedding of nephew Steve Wengerd and Rhonda Wooten.

Sign on a church board says "God's adoption agency." Val Millers

BLACKVILLE, S.C.

Feb. 19--We arrived home Sat. eve. after being gone 12 days to Ga. and Fla. After leaving that warm climate, it was cold enough to start the heater and electric bed warmer. The weather remains cool, damp and cloudy after the rain Sun. night.

Visitors here while we were gone were Crist Blanks, Lanc. Co., Pa. at Katie Stoltzfus', Jerome Grabers (cousin Amelia) from near Ft. Wayne, Ind. and Aden Kaufmans, Sugarcreek, Ohio, who arrived with dau. Susie, Mrs. Ray Miller, on the Pioneer Trails bus, getting off near Orangeburg.

The Aden Kaufman family, Jonas Masts, Ray Millers and Mose Kaufmans had a family gathering at the schoolhouse after services Sun. Gary and Lisa Gingerich and family from Abbeville were also present.

The youth chorus were invited to sing at a Baptist Church south of Fairfax Sun. eve.

Enos Yoders attended services Sun. morn. at New Holland.

A Tupperware meeting was held at Enos Yoders' Thur. eve., the 15th, by Katie Troyer from Abbeville, bringing Mrs. Pauline (John) Wagler and Betty Wagler along.

Ruth Weaver, on furlough from Belize, is staying with her parents, Ervin Weavers at present.

The Barnwell Menn. Church was richly blessed with meetings last week held by Ken Brenneman from Ontario. A program and testimony meeting was enjoyed there Sat. eve. from their youth and others who attended Bible school at Hartwell, Ga.

Rick Knepp, Sarasota, Fla. and Naomi Raber were involved in an accident on their way to or from a program at Hartwell Bible School.

John Kanagy

PICKENS, S.C.

Pickens Mennonite Church

Feb. 18--Having lots of rain at present.

On Friday the school students had their first trip. We drove to Bat Cave in North Carolina, but it was raining and it wasn't open to anyone but adults and college students. So we went to World of Clothing which is a place where you get name-brand clothes for discount prices.

Friday evening was the Bible School program at Heritage in Hartwell, Ga. My sister Janice and I went over, where we met Amy and Elaine Miller, old friends of ours from Pa. They stayed at our place on Friday and Sat. night. Their parents, Mike and Esther Miller and brothers Ryan and Michael stayed at Leonard Millers' along with Lee Miller Jrs. from Sarasota, Florida. Lee and Anna Miller and sons were also in the area over the weekend.

James and Deloris Stutzman and family arrived at the Clyde Wagler home on Sat. afternoon. In the evening they came to our place for supper and to play games. Walter and Lizzie Weaver, Sarasota, Florida, were also here for supper.

Henry and Mattie Miller, along with grandsons, Tim and Tom, attended our Sunday morning service and then came to our place for dinner.

Lucy Schwartzes also attended. She was visiting at her brother's, the Dennis Schwartzes', over the weekend.

James and Deloris Stutzman and family attended morning service. James brought the sermon. They're leaving for home in N.C. this morning.

Brian and Glenda Wagler and son went to Abbeville last night for an evening with Dwayne and Cindy Hershberger.

Brad Chapmen, Easely, S.C., attended our morning service.

Dorothy Mae Marner

ABBEVILLE, S.C.

Feb. 19--We have enjoyed beautiful days of both rain and sunshine this last week. On Fri. our rain gauge showed 2" of rainfall. On Sat. we had a day of sunshine again and we woke up to more rain on Sun. amounting to another 3-3/10".

This has been a busy but happy weekend for Ben & Sara Overholt. They were commemorating their 50th anniversary on Sun. with all of their 17 children here for the occasion except Galen, their youngest, who is at Stirland Lake, Canada. Their children & partners, 49 grandchildren and 3 great-grands hail from Cuthbert and Montezuma, Ga., Holmes Co., Ohio, Sarasota, Fla. and the majority living here in the Abbeville community. Only 5 grandchildren were missing.

Ben's family and Victor Overholts, David & Judy Miller of Minerva, Ohio and JoAnn Inhulsen of Montezuma were at the schoolhouse for dinner and in the evening since it was our open Sun. eve. They were honored with an open house at the schoolhouse with many friends and relatives gathering. Laveta Mullet of Cuthbert was also here for the occasion.

Andy Yoders of Goshen, Ind. also came to be at Marlin Overholt's side for this happy occasion and another sister, Ferne, came with her and of course their sister Karen and Steve Swartzentruber also benefited by this visit.

This weekend the Melvin Gingerich family and Crist Hochstetler of Topeka, In. were in the area visiting Quinn & Katrina Schrock, Ernest Hochstetlers and Henry Petersheims. They left again for the cold north this morning.

Oneta Overholt, who is teaching school at Aroda, and Carmin Hochstetler, who is working at Mt. View, were home this weekend visiting home folks, also bringing along Rosetta Helmuth, who is a niece of Verna Overholt; Wade Stoll also being a point of interest here. They all returned to Va. this morn. with Regina Overholt going back with them to spend several weeks with Neta.

Ed Stoll is home again from H.B.S., with them having the closing program on Fri. night which brought more visitors. Our family had the privilege of having Tim Weaver of Sarasota and Nate and James Wengard of Dade City, Fla. spend Sat. night with us.

Ernest and Mary Ellen Hochstetler traveled to Hickory Knob State Park Sun. eve. where Ernest had been asked to share in a program that the staff from Fair Play Boys Camp was having.

Amanda Overholt received a blessing this weekend when David Johnson of Va. Beach pulled in with new kitchen cabinets, a gift from the Leon Zook family. David installed them for her and then left Sun. eve. for Americus, Ga. with more to be delivered.

Joel Waglers had welcome guests this past week when son Titus, Donna & dau. Andrea came to visit. They hail from Md. Andrea got to stay with grandpas several days while mom and daddy traveled on to Fla. They have now returned to spend several weeks with Joels.

Ernie Miller was gone several days, as he took Judy & the children to Hartville to spend this week with her parents.

Since Andy Hershberger has left for Africa, Lizzie is also having a visitor. Her dau. Martha from Kentucky came as Bob, along with 2 van loads of men, wanted to come to the Charleston area to work.

Amanda Overholt has a granddau., Marlita Overholt of Wi. staying with her. Marlita had been at H.B.S. and now wants to spend some time with grandma.

Ivan & Treva Hershberger, who recently had their 20th anniversary, have gone on a couple day cruise with other Christians. They left port at Miami.

Vernon and I had a surprise when cousin Raymond and Sara Ann Raber of Holmes Co., Ohio paid us a visit Sat. morn. Mary Ellen Raber

BLACKVILLE, S.C.

Feb. 26--A cool 28 degrees. Clear and sunny weather.

Simeon and Fannie Stoltzfus, Lanc. Co., Pa. drivers, along with Lizzie Anne, widow of Eli Bontrager, and Gertie, widow of Lester Miller formerly from Kalona, Ia., the three women being sisters, were Thurs. overnight guests at William Millers', leaving the next day for Fla.

A work bee on Sat. at Katie Stoltzfus's was held to dismantle part of their chicken house. Another bee was held the Sat. before at Virgil Kanagys' to build a gamble roof barn and shop, but the men got rained out around noon.

Anyone traveling to or from Fl. could stop in at Mose Kaufmans' for donuts and coffee. A charity organization was taking orders for donuts and one of them ordered six (meaning a half doz.) of one kind and six of another. Apparently the order taker was counting dozens instead of half dozens and later when the Kaufmans came home there were 12 boxes or 12 dozen donuts on the porch.

Min. Alvin Troyers and Floyd Millers, Holmes Co., Ohio, Bethel Cong. arrived here on their way home from Fl. Alvin had the message Sun. eve. The Mountain Anthems coming from Abbeville, presented singspiration to a packed house. Members from the Barnwell Menn., New Holland and Montezuma, Ga. groups were present. An evening meal was served at the school house. The 38 in the group, along with chorister Menno Beachy, slept in various homes and came together Mon. morn. at the church and left for Fla. around 6:00.

Mrs. Ruth Weaver and three children, Montezuma, Ga. arrived Fri. eve. at Ervin Weavers' and left Sun. eve. after services following Leslie Yoders who were also here visiting Ervins. Ervin had been taking tests in Columbia and doctors found cancer of the bone or bone marrow. He was given three units of blood last Tues.

John Kanagy

HONEA PATH, S.C.

Feb. 28--The north wind brought us some low temp. The lowest reported was 25°. It seems not to have done much damage so far. Temps. are up again. Highs are in the 60's.

Our group at Whispering Pines was rather small as quite a few were to Cold Springs to hear the Mountain Anthems chorus.

Karen Yoder of Hephzibah, Ga. stopped in at Daniel Hershbergers' and picked up Bonnie, then went to Fair Play. They spent the weekend with Ralph and Ruth Dickerson. They all had been former teachers in Ga. Bonnie traveled on to Ga. with Karen Yoder to be a substitute teacher there on Mon. Plans were for her to return by Tues. evening.

Doug Weber of Ont., Can. arrived at the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport late on Thurs. night. He spent the weekend here with his bride-to-be Maria Skrivseth. Maria took him to the airport on Mon. around noon to get his flight back home.

Rolin, son of Dea. Val Miller of New Holland, S.C. started working for his Uncle Jerry Stoltzfus at Quality Cabinets. He is staying at our place.

Paul Gingerich has his mobile home moved on a lot he rented in the Cold Springs Community on Tues. They are doing some remodeling and redecorating before their wedding which is in June.

Last evening the young folk girls had a bridal shower at the Billy Stoll home for their dau. Benita.

Weekend guests with Henry Hershbergers were Bertha, Pauline and Allen Yoders of Montezuma, Ga. Also with them were the ladies' sister Dorothy. They all were dinner guests on Sun. with Paul H. Hershbergers.

Fri. evening a pancake and sausage supper was held at the Whispering Pines fellowship hall. The proceeds went for the Rio Grande Gospel Mission in Mexico.

Jay Hershberger went to Mt. View, Ark. this weekend to bring his wife, Rachael and 2 daus. home. They had been with her folks' Earl Slabachs for several weeks. Their former plans had been changed to a longer stay.

Ada Chupp

HONEA PATH, S. C.

Feb. 21--We are enjoying the warm spring weather. The lakes and creeks are well filled since the occasional rains.

A number of visitors attended the church services on Sun. morning. Our H.B.S. students are back home again.

Henry Weavers of Trail, Oh. and Ray Millers of Millersburg, Oh. stopped in for the weekend at Ray's dau. Susan and family, the Marvin Stolls. They were on their way to spend several weeks at Sarasota, Florida.

The closing program at H.B.S. was on Friday evening. It was well attended. Bro. Martin Miller of Meigs, Ga. was the guest speaker. Jake Mullets of Holmes Co., Oh. spent the evening with Henry J. C. Millers before attending the above program. Their dau. Marcia was a student the last term.

Tena Hostetler and Rachel Miller of Sarasota, Fla. spent the weekend in the Vernon Chupp home. They left for home on Sun. evening.

Eric Yoder, Steve and John Martins, Ont., Canada arrived here on Fri. evening. Steves were weekend guests with Keith Martins. Johns were guests with Ladina's two sisters, Maria and Trenda and family, the Jerry Yoders, who live in our basement apartment. Steves and Johns left on Monday forenoon for a week's stay at Sarasota, Florida.

Henry J. C. Millers attended the Sun. morning services with the group at Pickens, S.C. They were dinner guests with the Ray Marner family.

We had a surprise call from one of my nieces, Mary Esther, dau. of Levi B. Troyer on Sun. afternoon saying she is several hours from us and wants to stop in to see us. She was on her way to Westminster, S.C. with a semi truck load of valves. She has an apartment in Seattle, Wash., but is on the road trucking most of the time. She had a widow lady, Peggy Tompson of Texas with her. Mary Esther is training her for the job of trucking. After having supper and visiting with our family, it was late Sun. night when they went on their way.

Vernon Chupps are at Salters, S.C. this week erecting a steel building on one of our jobs.

Lorraine Hershberger and Marlin Wengerd left on Fri. afternoon to spend the weekend with Lorraine's parents, Jacob Hershbergers at Va. Beach, Va. Planning and preparation is in process for their forthcoming June wedding.

Quinn Hershbergers of Gladys, Va. were weekend guests with his parents, Daniel Hershbergers of Due West. Clair Steiners of Southern Pines, N.C. were with Martha's family, the Elmer Hershbergers over the weekend.

Benita, dau. of Billy Stoll, is a patient in the Self Memorial Hospital in Greenwood. She is recovering from having minor surgery. She is expecting to be able to come home by Saturday.

Keith Frys from Kitchener, Ont., Can. arrived at their bro. Keith Martin's on Saturday. They plan on being here till forepart of next wk. Ada Chupp

BATESBURG, S.C.

New Holland Community

Feb. 25--Weather has been a little on the cooler side, with a frost predicted for tonight. Gardden things are slowly peeping thru the ground.

It has been a busy week for our group. We've worked every night thru Thurs. on the house that Dale Helmuths are moving into. They didn't quite get all settled so they stayed with Wally Wengerds over the weekend.

Leonard Millers of Pickens and Dale Wengerds of Duue West were also with homefolks over the weekend.

Wally Wengerd has got his truck on the road and made a couple of runs to Charleston and Savannah.

Visitors in Sun. a.m. services were Laura Bechtel of Ind., Wesley and Lela Ruth Yoder, Susan and Marcus Overholt and Loren Wingard of Montezuma, Ga., John and Twila Yoder of Blackville, Tom and Ella Anderson and Leroy Yoder of Fair Play. Also Dave Peachy of Greenville. The latter flew in, landing nearby at the local air strip.

Betty and Elizabeth Erb of Hartville were at Sam Masts' for a few days.

Fri. the schoolchildren were to the Columbia Zoo for a field trip with Sally Wengerd and Rosie Miller going along.

Fri. eve. there was a pancake supper at the Whispering Pines gym, for the benefit of the Rio Grande gospel mission in Mexico.

In our Sun. eve. services Vernon Hostetler from Barnwell shared his experiences while in service at Red Lake. Ruben Wengerds hosted the youth and visitors afterwards for a snack.

Val Miller

ABBEVILLE, S.C.

Feb. 27--Temp. reached high 60s today, although the last several mornings it was in the low 20s and white with frost.

Sat. p.m. the Mountain Anthems arrived at the churchhouse. Our youth group planned a volleyball game in their behalf and on Sun. during our Sun. school they with their director, Menno & Grace Beachy, presented an inspiring message in song. The church was very full and I'm unable to name all of the visitors.

Ruth Hershberger attended along with 2 ladies from Russia, who couldn't understand the English language, but by their radiant expressions, they enjoyed a worship experience. Whispering Pines cong. is sponsoring them.

We also had a visiting minister, Alvin and Leona Kramer of Auburn, Ky. and Alvin delivered the message. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed following the services with approx. 200 people being served. Afterwards the chorus shared several more songs before leaving for Blackville.

Betty Wagler had company this weekend when Annie R. Yoder of Montezuma spent the weekend with her.

Marvin Yoders were also happy to have his mother & sister Chris Anna & Tillie of Montezuma visit them this weekend.

Judy Miller & her 3 little ones have come back home after spending several days with her parents at Hartville. Her parents, Melvin and Barbara Coblentz, continued on to Fla.

Before we received all of our recent rains some of the families had gotten their peas out and now report that they are several inches tall.

Some yards have been mowed. The weeds grew even if the grass hasn't grown much. Rose bushes are showing new leaves. Tulip trees are in full bloom. Peach trees are in bloom, which is a concern in case of a heavy freeze.

Our new kitchen at the schoolhouse is coming along great. The cabinets were installed and new tile put down last week.

Mary Ellen Raber

ABBEVILLE, S.C.

March 6--We are enjoying sunny days and days are warming up. Flowers blooming and birds are chirping.

Andy Hershberger has returned from his African tour, so we as a congregation are anticipating hearing about it. Mon. morn. Andy and Lizzie left for a meeting at Plain City concerning the tour.

Merlin and Mary Beiler, Billy and Barbara Stoll left on a tour thru the Holy Lands, with Ken Brennamen as guide. Merlin's mother and more of the family from Ga. also joined them. Vernon and Molly Kauffman from Fair Play were also planning to go along, but Sat. morn. Molly's mother Anna (Mrs. John Miller) peacefully passed away. Her funeral was yesterday. Vernons will now be joining the group later this week. Quite a few from our congregation attended her funeral Mon. afternoon.

Joe and Sadie Hershberger have returned home from their Fla. stay. Their dau. Betty Mast and Betty's children, Carol and Jonathan and Margaret Mast and fam. from Montana, David and Gloria Mast and twins and Susanna Miller from Kentucky all spent several days here among friends and family.

Hannah Stoltzfus who teaches at Blackville was here visiting Donna Swartzentruber, as well as the James Hershberger fam. of Blackville.

Vernon and I also traveled to Blackville Sun. morn. as we received a phone call that friends of ours from Nappanee, Ind. who are working in the Hugo area will be attending services there and we all had dinner at Ray Millers'.

Pauline and John Wagler had a surprise this weekend as her sister Verda and family of Montezuma spent the weekend with them.

John Fehr had a painful experience after coming home from Bible School. He was helping his father rope a young runaway steer. As they were struggling with him the steer fell on John's leg, pulling or tearing ligaments. He was on crutches awhile and wears a splint. Later this week he is to find out if he will need corrective surgery.

The Arnold Willey family are having a special guest as Irene's mother Eva Zimmerman from Pa. is visiting them for several weeks. John and Mabel Zimmerman brought her down and they have returned home again.

Lyndon and Albert Overholt, Phillip and Janae Hershberger traveled to Mt. View, Va. this weekend visiting Oneta Overholt and Carmen Hochstetler and bringing Regina along home again, who had spent several weeks with Neta.

Our mens' singing group gave a program in song at Whispering Pines Sunday evening.

Correction--Cindy Yoder and her sister Ferne were here from Goshen. They were here visiting their sister Karen and Steve and Marlin Overholt being an added attraction and being here in time for Marlin's parents, Ben and Sarah's 50th anniversary celebration.

Mary Ellen Raber

BATESBURG, S.C.

New Holland Community

March 4--Some rain this past week with temps. dipping into the 20's. Haven't heard of much damage to peach trees so far.

Wed. eve. after services Sam and Edna Mast left for points north, taking Lydia Ann Wengerd along to Ohio where she spent some time with her folks at Belle Center.

Ervin Wengerd Jr. left for Kentucky on Saturday for a week of training connected with his job at Auto Transport where he helps prepare trucks for delivering to their destinations.

Rueben Wengerds were to visit Dennis Schwartzes in Simpsonville and then were to church at Pickens Mennonite.

Lavern Grabers are again taking care of his mother Esther Graber. She was with a daughter in Arizona the past year.

Visitors in church this morning were Sam and Mary Ann Miller from Denmark, Steve Brubachers of Barnwell, and six men from the Cochranton, Pa. area on their way to Charleston to help out for a week. We had a carry-in dinner at the church in their honor.

March 6--Yesterday afternoon we were to the funeral of Mrs. John (Anna) Miller in Fair Play. Val Millers

PICKENS, S.C.

Pickens Menn. Church

March 5--Weather has been really nice the last day or two.

On Friday the students went on a field trip to the State Museum in Columbia. Clyde Wagler went along to drive, so we could use their van.

Ethan Millers, Honea Path, S.C., Rueben Wengerds, New Holland Community, Jim Gear, Florida and the Lavern Biglowe family, Greenville, attended our Sunday morning service. In the afternoon Clyde and Miriam Wagler went to the viewing of Mrs. Anna Miller of Fair Play, who died Saturday.

To the Tennessee people who reported missing underwear, you should check in your freezer. Somebody has been pulling pranks in one of the neighboring areas and one man found all of his in the freezer. Dorothy Mae Marner

HONEA PATH, S.C.

March 6--We have been having an unusual amount of rain this spring.

Dedication services for the babies born in the last year was held on Sun. morning. The message was delivered by Bish. Joe Hershberger. The parents of the children were Mike Gingerichs, Marvin Stolls, Dale Wengerds, Gary Grabers, David Schwartzes and Jay Hershbergers. A group from Cold Springs Church gave a program in song in our evening services.

Min. Billy and Barbara Stolls left on Sat. for a tour of the Holy Lands under the supervision of Bro. Ken Brenneman of Can. They plan to be gone several weeks.

Marion and Em. Hostetler of Phoenix, Ariz. spent the weekend with Em's brother Lavern Grabers in Due West. They brought their mother Esther Graber back to Laverns' after taking care of her for 6 months. She has Alzheimer's disease.

Mon. afternoon a number of us attended the funeral of Mrs. John (Anna) Miller at Fair Play. Alta Marie Krauss of Va. Beach, Va. also attended, then came home with her sister Clara and Vernon Chupp. We plan to take Alta along to Anderson tomorrow morning when we will have breakfast at Shoney's with Jonas and Sara Miller of Chesapeake, Va. Alta will go back home again with Jonas and Sara after breakfast.

Ab and Fannie Miller of Berlin, Oh. left for home this morning. They had been staying with a nephew, Dan Millers in Honea Path for around a month.

Derrick, son of Paul J. Hershbergers, was able to attend church services on Sun . eve. He had a 3-wheeler accident last Wed. Results from landing in the barbwire fence were a deep gash in his arm, cuts in his face and bruised toes.

Ray Millers and Henry Weavers, Holmes Co., Oh. stopped in over the weekend at Ray's daughter Susan and family, the Marvin Stolls in the Cold Springs Community. They were on their way home from Sarasota, Fla.

Albert and Jerry Yoders left early this morning for Charleston to help in the rebuilding. They plan on being gone several days.

Sat. Darrel Chupp, Dale Wengerd and Jay Hershberger were to Montezuma, Ga. to hunt wild pig. They had no success.

Betty Hershberger is going to the Emery University Hospital tomorrow for surgery. Several valves going to her heart are collapsing. She lives in Abbeville next to her son Donavans. Their address is: 101 Pinewood Circle, Abbeville, S.C. 29620. Ada Chupp

BLACKVILLE, S.C.

March 5--Wilbur and Martha Schrock were to Florence, S.C. to get teeth pulled, filled and new dentures. Martha got her lower teeth extracted and new upper and lower dentures.

Anointing services were held Wed. eve. for Ervin Weaver who was diagnosed has having cancer of the bone.

We learned through The Budget that Michael Horning, Schaefferstown, Pa., Budget scribe, was in the area. We haven't met yet and missed him by one day in Fla. Maybe we can meet at The Budget scribe reunion in Aug. in Sugarcreek.

Believe it or not, a new contractor with wings appeared in the Aiken area where we work, building homes for bluebirds. A woodpecker found easy "pickens" on cedar siding of new homes and made holes the size for bluebirds, which then started building nests. This was going on next door where we were building and the owner said he doesn't want anymore cedar siding. He closed the holes and the birds seemingly got the message and left.

Omar Stoltzfus and LaVon Schrock visited her bro. and friend Glenn Schrock near Montezuma, Ga. over Sun. Teacher Hanna Stoltzfus, Sandra and Gloria Miller (Rays) were with friends and family near Abbeville on Sun. Others absent over Sun. were Min. Eli Rabers and Enos Yoders to Fl. and James Hershbergers to Abbeville.

We had quite an interesting van load of M.D.S. workers here Sat. eve. and Sun. from the Nappanee, In. area who are working around Charleston for about 2 weeks. They were Truman and Lois Martin, drivers, Norman Wengerds (Wisler Menn.), Joseph Whetstones, kin to Fannie Byler in Fl., also nephew to widow Mary Hostetler who spends the winters in Fl., Marlin Schrocks, Omar Hochstetler (his wife wasn't along) and 3 young boys with plenty of energy, Marlin Burkholder, LaVern Hochstetler and Mervin Schmucker. Truman, the driver, found the name Katie Stoltzfus in the Menn. Your Way book and decided to come to this area for services and fellowship Sun. A number of them were well acquainted with the Ray Miller family (Dea. Marvin) and so a number of us had a carry-in at the back 40 at Ray Miller's Bread Basket. Joe Whetstone called Vernon Rabers at Abbeville Sun. morn. and they decided immediately to come over to Blackville for church services and fellowship at the Bread Basket. The visitors all left again Sun. p.m.

Last Thurs. eve. another load from Hartville, Ohio arrived at William Millers' for supper, coming from near Moncks Corner in M.D.S. work and leaving the same evening for the same place again. They were William's bro. Phineas Miller Jr. and son Steven, Clarence Troyer, Alvin Ray Troyer, Levi Miller and Eugene Miller.

Menno Schrocks left Fri. for In. to visit his mother who had a tumor operation.

Sam Millers, Samuel Millers, Katie Stoltzfus and Sam Lapps (the latter with Buffalo Trails, a mission in Calif.) gathered at David Kanagys' last Mon. eve. for fellowship.

Sam and Mary Miller both have stopped driving semi presently for health reasons. Their son Merlin took over the driving for his parents. Sam is doing maintenance at Holland Hitch in Denmark.

John Kanagy

ABBEVILLE, S.C.

March 12--We are enjoying beautiful spring days with temp. reaching high 80s and lots of sunshine. We also had several days last week with rains.

On Sat. the heavy beams were put up for the framework for our fellowship hall. Merle and Jr. Hershberger and Bill Master's crew came and brought their highlift machinery to erect the heavy beams. The beams were also painted in the p.m. The new kitchen is now completed except for items and we can now use it. Work has also been started in the library which will be in place of the old kitchen.

Sunday eve. our services were held at the schoolhouse. Bro. Andy gave a report on their African tour. He also showed slides of Christians living on the other side of the world and on the equator who are living and praising the same Lord as we worship here in Abbeville!

Fri. eve. Bill & Ellen Mullet of Holmes Co. and Tim Stoltzfus from Lancaster arrived. Sat. morn. they and Charles Wagler and son LaMar met for a committee meeting and finalized the program for the Easter youth fellowship meetings.

Sun. morn. Bill brought us the message of God's word.

Also coming from Fla. Fri. eve. were Jason & Rhoda Gingerich and Rachel Stoltzfus. They were overnight guests of Ernest Hochstetlers. They left for Bob Jones Univ. on Sat. morn. where Rachel's parents of Catlett, Va. were going to meet her and take her along home with them.

Mary Kathryn and Betty Wagler returned home from their visit to Sarasota. Mary Kathryn has a good report on her parents who were hurt in an accident earlier this spring.

John Fehr went to Greenville Hospital on Fri. as an outpatient. The doctor worked on his knee that he had hurt earlier and instead of finding the expected damaged tendons, they found much hemorrhaging and blood clots which they cleaned out and added lubrication to the kneecap. He needs to wear a brace to help support the knee and will need to be careful for awhile.

We at Coldspring Menn. are anticipating Perry and Edna Troyer's arrival this afternoon. Perry has been invited to come and be our speaker for a week of revival meetings. They hale from Plain City.

Tues. morn. a group of us sisters plan to go to the women's prison in Columbia and share with the convicts.

Albert and Sadie Marner of Spencer, Wi. spent several days with the Diedrich Fehr family. They plan to leave via bus this eve. for Missouri.

Mary Ellen Raber

HONEA PATH, S.C.

March 14--Our record breaking high temp. for this time of year is in the 80's.

Dea. Myron Mullet preached to us at our Sunday morning services. Min. Billy Stolls are still on their Holy Land tour and Bishop Joe Hershbergers spent the weekend in Holmes Co., Ohio. Joe participated in the ordination services at Benton. Mrs. Ethan Miller and girls also went with Joes.

Paul Gingerich attended the wedding on Sat. of Paul Miller and Janet Martin at Gladys, Va. Jerry Yoders and Maria Skrivseth spent the weekend at Barnwell with their cousin, Ivan Skrivseths. Paul H. Hershbergers left on Fri. afternoon for Montezuma, Ga. where they were guests with Pete and Eva Miller. They returned Sun. night.

Vernon Chupps have sold their house and are in the process of buying property near Due West. They will be giving possession to the buyer in 60 days. Plans are to move in a mobile home until a house is built.

Those attending the funeral on Tues. of Bennie Fisher in Pa. were Rosie Miller, Elsie Yoder, Elam, Jerry and Dianne Stoltzfus.

Weekend guests with Wayne Overholts were Ann's sister, the Elwood Millers of Mich. Ada Chupp

BLACKVILLE, S.C.

March 13--Spring has sprung. The many birds, bumble bees, flowers and gardens testify to the resurrection of new life. The bluebird can be heard far and wide. Azaleas are about in their prime.

Min. Eli and Vera Miller, Alvin and Ella Miller, Spencer, Wis., Alvin and Ella Weirich, Augusta, Wis. (driver) stopped overnight Wed. at Wilbur Schrocks' on their way to Fl. The men were present at our mid-week services Wed. eve.

Clarence Weavers, Amelia, Va. arrived Fri. and left Sat. to visit his bro. Ervin Weaver.

A number from Ga. arrived early Mon. morn. and picked up Ervin Weavers heading for Oh. to see a specialist on cancer and other ailments. This specialist and assistant is said to have helped Ernest Weaver, Hartville, Oh. who was in bed with cancer, but is able to be up and going again.

Teachers Hannah Stoltzfus and Susan Miller, along with Lily Miller, were with friends near Montezuma, Ga. over Sun.

A testimony meeting was held Sun. eve. by each family that wasn't present the Sun. eve. previous.

John Kanagy

BATESBURG, S.C.

New Holland Comm.

Mar. 11--Temps. this week are predicted to go into the 80s.

Sam Masts have returned from their northern trek, bringing his mother, Lizzie Mast, along from Pa. to spend some time here.

Sat. eve. the young people gathered at Val Millers' to shell approx. 50 lbs. of pecans. We had them cracked beforehand. I recall years ago, cracking and shelling pecans would be a family affair; it seemed to be alot of labor for your fruit! Now with automatic crackers, a few times of handling the nuts, and the shells fall away.

Sat. eve. Wayne Overholt, along with a bro.-in-law, Elwood Miller, came to pick up the chickens that the chicken catchers missed when they picked up the chickens last week.

Ervin Wengerd Jr. is to return Mon. from Kentucky where he spent last week training some fellows at another auto transport facility how to deck the trucks and prepare them for delivery.

Wally Wengerd is getting into the routine of trucking as he is pulling container freight for a company in Greenwood. He is hauling to the port at Savannah, Ga.

We received word that Bennie Fisher of Lancaster, Pa. passed away. He was Rosie Miller's uncle by marriage. The funeral is to be Tues. at 2 p.m. Rosie has plans to go with Elam Stoltzfus, Elsie Yoder, and Jerry and Diane Stoltzfus of Abbeville. Val Millers

ABBEVILLE, S.C.

March 19--We are once more enjoying sunshine after heavy rains on Fri. and Sat. amounting to 3½ inches again. Fri. night we had a wind storm also with a tornado being sighted, but not touching down.

Last week one day the house was cleaned in readiness for the Russian family that wants to move in.

Vernon had a painful experience last Tues. He was grinding off steel and a hot spark went behind his glasses and grazed his eye. The doctor treated and patched his eye and now a week later all seems healed.

Our week of revival meetings ended Sun. eve. Our speaker, Perry and Edna Troyer, left Mon. morn. for their home at Plain City.

Joel Waglers are blessed with visitors. Their dau. Cynthia and John Miller and family and Dorothy Cox of Salisbury, Md. are here for a week. They all attended our worship services.

John & Mary Fisher and family of Lancaster, Pa. arrived at Titus Overholts' Fri. p.m. They also attended our worship services and afterwards they, Perry & Edna, Amanda Overholt, John Fehr and our family, all had supper at Tituses'. The northern guests left Sat. morn. for Crossville, Tn.

Larry & Nora Mast of Holmes Co. are visiting Lowell Swartzentrubers. They have left for points further south and expect to once more stop in on their way home.

Pete & Elsie Fehr and family came for a week's visit with his bro. Dietrich & family. They live at Meadville, Pa.

This weekend Marlin and Bonnie Zimmerman of Richland, Pa. spent several days with his sister, the Arnold Willeys. They left for home again Mon. morn. taking their mother, Eva Zimmerman, along home again.

Lester and Edna Nisly and family are anticipating seeing Ken, Gloria & Brandon fly in tonight from Belize. They will all be traveling to Md. later this week for Wayne & Leona's wedding.

Mon. morn. Bill & Katie, Robert & Rosie and family, all Stolls, left for Fla. to camp in the Sunny South for a week. Linda & Jesse Wagler and family are at Bill's house with Wilma.

Merlin & Mary Beiler are expected to fly in tonight, returning from their Holy Land tour and Belgium.

Mrs. Vernon Raber

BLACKVILLE, S.C.

March 18--The earth is refreshed after a good bath on Sat. Sat. eve. had a perfect rainbow and beautiful sunset.

Raymond Hershberger, Hartville, Oh. was in Fla. 2½ months and bought a car. His son LeRoy and wife went down by bus to accompany his dad home. They stopped at William Millers' Mon. night and stayed until Wed. morning. LeRoy and wife Alta Hershberger are from Kensington, Ohio. Alta is William Miller's sister.

Henry and Clara Byler, Geauga Co., Ohio called William Millers to meet them at Miller's Bread Basket for breakfast. Henry Bylers, William Alta's uncle, were visiting their 2 sons in Augusta, then planned a short stay in Fla.

Adin Yutzys of Hilliard, Ohio, visited bro.-in-law Eli Rabers before their planned trip to Phooenix, Ariz.

Andy Miller and son, McConnelsville, Ohio and Paul Miller of Martinsburg, Ohio were Sun. p.m. and overnight guests at Eli Raber's. They are in M.D.S. work near Charleston.

Ray and Susie Miller got away from it all to relax in a cabin deep in the Smoky Mts. over Sun.

Ervin Millers, Holmes Co., Ohio arrived Fri. noon at sis. Betty's, the James Hershbergers. They were supper and overnight guests at David Kanagy's and left Sat. morn. for Fl. David's other company from Thur. night until Sun. morn. were cousin Wayne Troyers, Hartville, Ohio. Wayne's wife is a dau. of Min. Louis Waglers.

Bill Hochstetlers attended a wedding in Fl., arriving home Sun. and leaving for In. to attend a funeral of Ruby's bro.-in-law, a cancer victim.

Wilbur Schrocks left Wed. for Ind., staying over Sun. and visiting their parents who are not in the best of health.

Menno Schrocks attended a funeral in Stapleton, Ga. Sun. a.m. of Dwayne Unruh, who was killed in a car accident.

Bish. Wally Bylers of Belle Center, Oho arrived in Denmark by Amtrak to visit dau. Elsie, the Robert Yoders. They attended our services Sun.

Announcement was made Sun. by Bish. Jonas Mast of the engagement of Ronnie Yoder (Enos) and Rhonda Mast (Jonas), with wedding plans in Sept.

John Kanagy

WESTMINSTER, SC

March 15--It's been so nice warm lately. Early flowers have been blooming for sometime.

We haven't written a Budget letter for several months. We had been to Pa. (Selinsgrove area) around 6 weeks since Christmas till mid-Feb. We were helping to take care of dad, William J. Miller, who died on Feb. 10th. He had emergency surgery on Christmas Day and was in the hosp. 2 weeks. The cause of his death was stomach cancer. We appreciate all the people who came to visit him. We learned to know quite a few new friends.

Memorial services were held at Stauffers' Menn. Church, then the body taken to Holmes Co., Oh. where services were held at Sharon Menn. and burial was at Bethel Beachy Menn. where mother, Sylvia Miller, was buried almost 6 years ago. Our 2 foster girls were taken care of by dau. Joanna and family while we were gone.

Feb. 25th visitors in morning services were Eric Yoder of Ill. (employed by Vernon Kauffman) and Atlee Millers of Pa. (spending some time with their dau. Larry Kings and helping on their new house).

Joe Bylers of Dela. attended our prayer meeting and were with his sis. Solome, Harvey Yoders, several days.

P. Leroy Yoder of near Sugarcreek, Oh. is boarding at Tom Andersons and working for Dallas Troyer.

On Mon., March 5th Anna Miller (Mrs. John J.) was laid to rest after being in the hosp. almost 4 weeks. She was 80 years old.

J. D. Miller was here several days from Crystal Lake, Ont. for some meetings. He'll go back to camp when they're thru serving there and came down in June.

March 4th visitors were Darvin Troyers of Aberdeen, N.C., Atlee Millers of Pa., Joe Beachys of Ia., Paul Mussers of Pa., Donna and Marcella Blackburn of Seneca (local), Jeff Grant and his friend of Friendship area (local) and J. D. Miller. In evening were Ora Millers of Ind. (spending several days with their dau. Doris, Maurice Masts).

Sam and Lydia Kanagy are in Haiti for a week of meetings, having left Tues. morning (13th). Their 2 Vietnamese foster girls are with Dean Yoder (their dau. Carmen).

Vernon and Molly Kauffman left last Tues. (6th) for a Bible land tour with Ken Brenneman. Her mother (Anna) died several hours before they were supposed to leave on Sat. (3rd).

A shower was held last Thurs. for Cathy Bacher (Mrs. Joe). They live in a trailer on the camp premises.

March 11th visitors attending morning services were Joe Yoders of Charleston, S.C. area.

Isaac Stoltzfuses and 4 children of Catlett, Va. area were at Harvey Yoders' overnight, then went to Pickens for church. Their son Tim goes to Bole Jones Univ. and he was along, too.

Husband David is working with Verlon Miller at the new camp site. He finished with therapy on his shoulder last week and the doctor as well as us are pleased for the results since surgery last Oct.

Yest. the lower grades went to visit and sing for John J. Miller. He lives by himself in Fair Play.

In Jan. Patrick Pritchard along with Wm. McGrath and one of 2 others had gone to Ireland for around a week on a church mission. David Yoders

PICKENS, S.C.

Pickens Menn. Church

March 15--Myra & Ashleigh Miller came to see Grandpa Clyde & Miriam Wagler last Thurs.

Tim Stoltzfus (attending B.J.U.) was happy to have his parents, the Isaac Stoltzfuses, and family here over the weekend. Rhoda and Jason Gingerich were also here to see the family. The Stoltzfuses are from Virginia and Rhoda & Jason from Sarasota.

We attended morning church services then went to Abbeville where my dad's brother, Albert, and wife were at the Diedrich Fehr home. We all had lunch at the John Wagler home.

March 19--Fri. eve. we had 5 inches of rain, which brought the creeks and rivers way up, flooding some roads. The local flea market was covered with approx. 5 or 6 feet of water, which caused some of the buildings to flood.

James and Deloris Stutzman and family were in the area over the weekend. They, along with Dale & Sharon Helmuth and boys, were here with Sharon's sis. Deloris Miller and attended morn. services at church. James brought the message.

In the morn. my sis. Jan and I and Brian and Glenda Wagler, along with Marita, Jim & Steve Stutzman, had a special service of singing and testimony at the local prison.

Trent Wagler is in Florida over the weekend. Dorothy M. Marner

BATESBURG, S.C.

New Holland Comm.

Mar. 19--Spring-like weather the last few weeks with temps. up in the 80s. A beautiful time of year with azaleas and all the other early flowers in bloom. Wheat fields are greening up.

Visitors in Sunday morning services were the David Yoder family from Barnwell; also Claire Steiners and family from N.C. They were overnight guests of Rueben Wengerds.

Our youth, along with their sponsors, Dale Masts, sang for a widow lady in New Holland and then spent the rest of the evening at Wally Wengerds'.

Dale and Sharon Helmuth and boys were to Pickens over the weekend visiting her sister, the Leonard Millers.

Rolin Miller was home for the weekend. He's working for his uncle Jerry Stoltzfus in the cabinet shop.

Ronnie, son of Enos Yoders, and Rhonda, daughter of Jonas Masts, both of Blackville, announced their engagement. A Sept. wedding is planned.

Sat. afternoon during a rainstorm, a neighbor stopped and asked us to call the local fire dept. as his house was on fire. As the fire trucks made their way down the dirt road (it had turned to mud by now), one of the fire trucks and several cars became bogged down or slid off of the road so the tractor was used to pull them out. The house was totally destroyed. The cause has not been determined. Val Millers

BATESBURG, S.C.

New Holland Community

March 25--Corn and cotton planting time. No rain this past week. Temperatures were up in the 70's.

Ralph Miller is using crutches as he landed wrongly on his foot while playing volleyball and pulled a ligament in his foot.

Kenny Byler's of Hartville, Ohio were in church services today, having come for her mother Lizzie Mast who was here for several weeks with Sam Masts. Kenny Overholts of Abbeville, Jane and Hannah Stoltzfus of Blackville also attended Sunday morning services, as well as the Julian Yoder family of Abbeville. They were to Columbia for a prison service with the Gospel Express.

Dale and Phyllis Mast spent Friday and Sat. in Savannah, Ga.

Val Millers

HONEA PATH, S.C.

March 27--Some of the early azaleas were froze last week. Those that were still buds are unharmed and are now in full bloom. The dogwoods are also a beauty to behold.

Sunday evening after our program a farewell reception was held at the fellowship hall for our Russian rufugee families that our people had sponsored. The 2 single sisters, Nadezda Alexeykova and Nadezda Bogotova, boarded a plane at the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport early Tuesday morning for the flight to their new home at Wenatchee, Wash. Oleg Eretnevs and 4 children left on Tues. forenoon with 2 cars for their new home at Vancouver, Wash. Both parties will be joining other Russian refugees.

The two sisters displayed their talent in baking bread. The Russian tradition presented 3 loaves of bread made in a form of a wreath to our church. Their smiles of gratitude will long be remembered.

Bishop Joe Hershbergers left on Tues. morning for Sarasota, Fla. They plan on making several stops while on their way. They will be back by the middle of next week.

Prison revivals are being held in the Columbia area by The Gospel Express team and some of the neighboring churches.

Jeremy, son of Ivan Yoders, has his arm in a cast due to a mishap while at play. He has a broken wrist and will need the cast on for 4 weeks.

The youth had a social at Albert Yoders' on Thurs. evening.

Gary Graber, Paul H. Hershberger and Dale Wengerd are expected home this evening after being gone a week. They were in Colo. in search for prospects of a new location.

Ada Chupp

BATESBURG, S.C.

New Holland

April 1--Cool and rainy weather the last part of the week, which gave the gardens a boost.

Some of our families were to Barnwell Menn. Church where the Gospel Express presented a program. They'll be in Columbia most of the week holding services in the prisons.

Visitors in our Sunday morning services were the James Mast, Morris Mast families from Fair Play, Sue Miller from Indiana, Henry and Verda Overholt and family from G.A., Brian Waglers of Pickens and Dennis Schwartzes from Simpsonville.

Ralph and Diane Miller were to a wedding in Indiana, traveling with a load from Blackville. Rolin Miller also attended the same wedding. His plans are to go to Arkansas and then to Ohio before heading home. Murray Yoders and daughters and Greg and Lisa Miller were to the Passion Play in Atlantic, Ga. on Saturday.

Val Millers

BLACKVILLE, SC

April 2--Just when vegetation and flowers were doing their best we had frost one morning with temp. down to 26°, freezing potatoes, peas, etc., but some are blooming again and potatoes growing. A lot of corn and watermelon seed was planted during the week of March 19th.

Sun., March 25th we had council meeting and Sun., April 1st, communion. A number were absent for communion. Wife and I went to Ga. to visit Mrs. Mark Brenneman who is ailing with cancer and also be present at an N. W. Yoder family gathering in the church basement after services where Galen Yoders and 2 of their married daus. and native husbands of Costa Rica were present.

Ray Miller, along with son-in-law John Yoders, Ralph and Dianne Miller were gone to a wedding near Goshen, Ind. Also Katie Stoltzfus who left earlier by plane and dau. Mary Jane left with sis. Mahlon and Anna Stoltzfus from Fair Play for the same wedding.

Those present for communion were Sara Etta Miller and Martha Raber, workers at Mt. View Nursing Home, Aroda, Va. Visitors over Sun. were Martha and Erma Jean Swartzentruber, Wade and Ramona Yoder, William Overholt and Henry and Verda Overholt, Montezuma, Ga. Henry and Verda attended services at New Holland Sun. morning. No services Sun. evening as the Gospel Express-Nelson Coblentz prison ministry has been in the area the past week and gave a program at the Barnwell Menn. Church with the above visitors being present, along with others from New Holland and 2 families from Jesup, Ga., Raymond Schrocks, former residents and Ed Hiltys.

Elizabeth Mullet, Pantego, N.C. was an overnight guest with us, traveling alone from Miami, Fla. She had taken passengers to Miami for a flight to Belize, returning thru Sarasota, Fla. and was on her way to Christian Light Publications, Harrisonburg, Va. before returning home to N.C.

Alvin Carl and Emma Brenneman and baby of Catlett, Va. came here Sat. evening from visiting this sick mother and family in Ga. Alvin Carl left Sun. for his duties in Va. and Emma and baby stayed at her sister Mary's, David Kanagys'.

Levi and Jean Mast arrived Fri. from Fla. to install cabinets in the 2 offices of David Kanagys' new 6-bay garage building.

Sara Etta Miller and Martha Raber left Mon. after communion for their duties at Mt. View with Martha's sis. Linda, Mrs. David Tice from Harrisonburg, Va.

Three minister couples left for the ministers' meeting in Lanc. Co., Pa. Tues. morning, Bish. Jonas and Rosie Mast, Harry and Sarah Yoder and Virgil and Fannie Mae and son Jeffery Kanagy in Virgil's van.

John Kanagy

HONEA PATH, S.C.

BLACKVILLE, SC

BATTSBURG, S.C.
New England

SIX MILE, S.C.

April 1--We've been having really nice weather. Sunshine with temps. in the 80s.

Last Sun. eve. LaVerne Bigalowe and family attended our eve. services, with him presenting an interesting topic. Also present were the Bob Yoder family Hartwell, Ga. and Cathy Parker from this area.

Quite a few people are and were down with the flu. My mom was one of the victims.

Mary Wagler (Michigan) spent from Wed. to Sun. with her son Clyde and family.

The Fred Overholt family from Kentucky spent Sun. eve. with the Clyde Wagler family.

Visitors in church Sun. morn. were Tim Stoltzfus, B.J.U., Mike Chupp, Kathy Hershberger, Wendy and Brenda Yoder, all from Whispering Pines. Also present were Cathy Parker and son Samuel.

Brian and Glenda Wagler and son spent the weekend with her parents the Sam Masts, New Holland area.

My friend, Lynette Wengard, is here for the week. She arrived Sun. eve., the first, and is staying till the 8th. We are planning to attend the Basic Youth Seminars together here in Greenville.

Dorothy Mae Marner

ABBEVILLE, S.C.

April 3--Plenty of rain and warm sunshine makes for a beautiful countryside; spring flowers are at their best.

After several rainy weekends that hindered the work on the addition to the school building, Sat. afternoon turned out clear and the roof and most of the siding is now finished and the teachers are much relieved that the children again have a place to play during a wet recess.

Dennis and Marlene Swartzentruber and daughters from Montezuma, Ga. were guests of Merlin Beilers over the weekend.

Samuel Kauffmans from Lancaster, Pa., who are on their wedding trip, were with Albert Yoders and were also present at our services Sun.

Ken and Gloria Nisly and small son, who have been in C. America and came home for the wedding of his bro. Wayne and Loretta, are spending several weeks here before returning to take up their duties in Belize again. They were with us for our communion services on Sun. Kens had also spent a short time with her folks, the Clarence Bontregers in Berne, Ind.

All of our ministers and wives, Andy Hershbergers, Titus Overholts, Norman Swartzentrubers, Ernest Hochstetlers and Joel Waglers are in Pa. this week for the ministers' meeting. The schoolchildren are having 4 days of vacation.

Rod and Grace Bontreger and 2 children from Goshen, Ind. visited their aunt and uncle, Henry and Marie Petersheim and Ernest Hochstetlers several days last week.

The Vernon Raber family were in Sarasota, Fla. this week to attend the funral of Nelson, son of Jake Weavers.

We enjoyed having sister-in-law Mary Wagler (Simon) from Mich. here last week. She had accompanied Abe and Rose Mary Stoll to visit her son Clyde Waglers and Abe's dau. Paul Grabers in Fair Play. A good amount of fresh-out-of-the-ocean oysters were consumed when Clydes and Abes joined our family for supper on Thur. evening. With more area folks putting up gourds and boxes our martin population is not as big as other years but we are having plenty of finches and other birds.

Juanita Yoder and Connie Overholt and 2 children spent several days in Holmes Co., Ohio to attend the wedding of Joe, son of Atlee Barkmans.

Mrs. Wm. Stoll

WESTMINSTER, S.C.

March 29--On March 18th our visitors were Verna Miller of P.C., Ohio, staying with her dau. Naomi (Clair) Zimmermans, Elva Zimmerman of Pa. (Clair's mother), Julie Harris of near Pendleton, Deanna Isom (local), Josiah Beachy of Ind., Jonathan & Michael Yoders of Va. Ed Royers of Ind. were at camp church.

Naomi Zimmerman and dau. Loleeta had taken Verna Miller to Fla. for several days to visit another dau.

Tom Andersons spent over a week in Va. with their 3 sons and families.

About 2 weeks ago Dick Hardings moved about 6 or 7 miles above Westminster. He was a former camp family worker and lived in the vocational home. Joe Bachers moved in the house vacated by Dicks.

Larry Kings want to move on Sat., the 31st. They built a new house near Stephen Yoders' in Fair Play Heights.

Born to Joe & Cathy (Brenneman) Bacher their first child and dau. Serena Dawn on March 19th.

The young people had a restaurant-style supper on Fri. eve., the 17th, to raise money for their retreat which will be the latter part of this week in Ga.

Ed Royers (dau. Rachel) left for home (Ind.) on Sun. after being here a week. He put another bed, doors and fenders on his pickup while here.

March 25th visitors in services were Mary Troyer (Mrs. Noah) of near Sugarcreek (spending a week with their son Dallas & family), George Ballingers, Kenneth Wadels, Mary Ann Dieffenbach, Delores Miller (Mrs. Loren) and dau. and Joyce Brenemen, all of Pa. and Julie Harris of near Pendleton.

Freddy Overholts of Ky. came on Sun. eve. and surprised everyone, they'll be staying for awhile.

Today Mabel Shirk is leaving with a medical team to Honduras for 10 days.

The honor roll students from grades 1-6 spent an enjoyable day in Anderson on Thurs. visiting the fire and police stations and the library, then eating at Wendy's. David Yoders

HONEA PATH, S.C.

April 4--Beautiful spring weather. The early sweet corn has been planted.

Bish. Joe Hershbergers returned from their week's stay in Fla. The vacation had been shortened due to the death of Max Clugston of Pa. The funeral is today. Pete Gingeriches also traveled with Joes to the funeral.

Several of our youth are attending the Basic Youth Seminar in Greenville this week.

Tues. the monthly sisters' sewing was held in the church basement.

Fri. eve. the annual GEET banquet was held in the Whispering Pines Fellowship Hall. Around 350 attended.

David Hochstetlers, dau. and son-in-law Jim Richardson of Wayne Co., Ohio, spent Wed. night with his Mattie and family, the Henry J.C. Millers in Honea Path. They were on their way to Sarasota, Fla.

Rolin Miller left Thurs. eve. to attend a wedding in Ind. His special friend Hannah Gingerich who is in service at the Hillcrest Nursing Home in Harrison, Ark. also attended. He took her back to the home as she was responsible to work one more day before her time was expired. They plan on spending a week with her folks, Albert Gingeriches at Carrollton, Ohio, before returning. Hannah will be staying in Paul Mullet's basement apartment.

I am experiencing an unusual task this week. I was called on jury duty for the criminal court in Abbeville. Even though our ministry and I sent the judge a request for exemption of duty. He did not excuse me at any reason. Thus far my name has not been chosen.

Ada Chupp

BATESBURG, SC

New Holland Community

April 8--Spring has taken a more seasonal turn with temps. dropping to just above the freezing point, up to 60s and 70s during the day. The peach farmers are still assessing the freeze damage of several weeks back. Some estimated the damage to be about 60%. Garden peas are blooming. We've picked some early strawberries.

The Wally Wengerd family left Fri. evening after receiving the message that Lydia Ann's mother had passed away. The funeral was to be Sun.

Due to the above funeral, our baptismal service was postponed until Easter Sun. evening, with Clyde Wagler of Pickens officiating.

Dennis and Connie Schwartz have leased a house in Wagener, intending to move this week from Simpsonville. He is installing vinyl siding for Double R Siding.

Lynette Wengerd spent the week with the Ray Marner family of Pickens and attending the Basic Youth Seminar with them in Greenville. She returned home Sun. afternoon.

Val Millers were to Whispering Pines Sun. morning for their baptismal services.

Visitors in the Sun. morning services were the Gary Graber family of Abbeville, John and Twila Yoder of Blackville, and Sandra Overholt. Sandra is visiting her sis., Connie Schwartz.

Val Millers

BLACKVILLE, SC

April 10--The weather is cool and unsettled. The hard frost earlier is said to have curtailed the peach crop by 61% in S.C.

Levi Mast didn't get finished with his cabinet work by Thurs. so they left Sun. morning for services at Jesup, Ga., then to their Fla. home from there.

Ella and dau. Dorothy Kropf, dau.-in-law Elsie, widow, and son Steve, driver from Buffalo, Mo. arrived here. Tues. evening and left Fri. for Altamont, Tenn. and home from there. They were former residents of Fairfax and came to renew old times. Ella was Budget scribe from Fairfax a number of years and moved to Mo. from here. All told she has been writing for *The Budget* for 55 years and plans to be at *The Budget* reunion in Ohio in Aug. Ella and dau. Dorothy stayed with us 2 nights.

The Nelson Coblentz prison ministry has been in the area going on their second week. Volunteers from Blackville, Abbeville, Honea Path, Barnwell Menn. and Hephzibah, Ga. have been donating their time. It's like a good days work to be walking, standing, listening and sharing with the inmates. Sun. there were 4 services in the prisons around Columbia. Our services were cancelled Sun. evening as a number of families attended prison services.

Mrs. Jonas Mast has been sick since coming home from the ministers' meeting. Mrs. Harry Yoder stayed in Pa. to visit dau. Miriam, the Kore Yoders and plans to come home with Hannah Stoltzfus' bro.-in-law and sis. from Pa.

Kenneth, 8-yr.-old son of Virgil Kanagys, was to the doctor and learned that he has a touch of pneumonia in one lung.

Anna, Mrs. Mahlon Stoltzfus, Fair Play Wilderness Camp, is staying with mother Katie Stoltzfus several weeks while Mahlon is camping and boating with a group of boys. John Kanagy

ABBEVILLE, S.C.

April 10--We've had several cold mornings this last week with frost. Several families have reported picking strawberries and those that got their peas out early have peas almost ready.

On Sunday our worship services were conducted in reverse manner; we had our Sunday school hour after the main message delivered by Bro. Andy. Right afterwards Andy and Lizzie, Bill and Katie Stoll, Henry and Verna Yoder and Elam Stoltzfus and some of the youth went to Whispering Pines to be present at their baptismal services.

Our Sunday eve. services were at the schoolhouse and Kenneth and Gloria Nisly showed their slides on their home life and work in Belize. Kens plan to leave for their southern home this week.

Wayne and Leona Nisly have returned from their wedding trip and have moved into their double-wide beside his parents' farm.

Mrs. Elmer Sarah Hershberger had quite an experience this last week. She was taking her calcium tablets and one lodged in her windpipe. She could not get it up and after several days she started running a temperature. She was admitted to the hospital and they found it in her lung. They were able to get most of it out, but fragments of it they couldn't get, so she was taking deep breathing exercises. She is hopefully being released today.

Tom and Sadie Wagler and girls of Hartville were guests of LaVern Grabers. They worshipped with us at Cold Spring Church and were renewing friendships.

The LaVern Bontrager family of Macon, Miss. were here for the weekend in the Ivan Hershberger home. They left for home again yesterday.

Larry and Ruby Overholt say it's a boy named Larry Andrew. Ben and Sarah claim him for their 50th grandchild and Norman and Mary Swartzentruber say it's their 4th.

Bill and Katie Stoll had an unexpected but enjoyable trip to New Orleans last week. The Fireplace Shop boys, Robert, Denis and Marvin, had part at the Fireplace Show there and after they got there they discovered they had forgotten one of their screens. So Mom and Dad took it down for them. The brothers are expected home today.

Last evening was our Mon. evening softball game. It's an evening of fellowship that the young and older together look forward to.

Vernon and I and our children traveled to Sarasota to be at the funeral of Nelson Weaver, afterwards spending time with friends and aunts Fannie and Manass Beechy, Laura and Henry Yoder and Minnie and Clarence Yoder. On the way down we had van problems so that we ended up renting a car at Lake City and traveling on, then once more picking up our van on the way home, after fixing it. Mrs. Vernon Raber

BUDGET, APRIL 12, 1950 (WEDNESDAY)

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ABBEVILLE, S.C.

April 17--Our mornings are cool, but sunny, and it warms up into the 80s during the day. Strawberries are being enjoyed. Robert Stolls plan to open their u-pick patch this week.

Loren Hershberger, son of Ivan & Treva, was shot in the chest with BB's, also in his face & head. He was out turkey hunting and another hunter heard and saw what he thought was a turkey, and not taking the time to check and make sure, shot and hit Loren. He saw right away that his shot was wrong and he took Loren to the hospital and then called Ivans. BB's were found close to vital points. The shot spread in his chest, face and head. 25% of his lung has collapsed which should be able to inflate itself. He is in ICU here at Abbeville and reports this morn. are that he's in stable condition and that he had a good night.

The wedding on Good Friday of Bonita Stoll and David Chupp brought in lots of visitors. David and Rose Bontrager of Goshen, Ind. attended and were weekend guests of Ivan and Treva. David delivered to us the message Sunday morning.

Sun. eve. was the reception for Wayne & Leona Nisly at the school. Leona's parents Amos and Hannah Stoltzfus and family and her sister Steve and Rose Hochstetler of Chestertown, Md. were here for the occasion.

The Titus Overholt family and Ernest Hochstetler family were complete once more this weekend when Oneta, Carmen and Wendell came home for Easter, the wedding on Good Friday and the reception Sun. eve. Johnnie Stoltzfus and Melody Yoder came with them, although they continued on to Georgia, but coming back to Abbeville Sun. eve. Monday our youth group and their visitors and youth from Whispering Pines enjoyed a grilled chicken dinner and the afternoon and evening was spent in playing ball.

The John Wagler family were visiting family at Montezuma this weekend, returning home on Mon. night.

John's and Betty's parents, Eli & Mary Wagler of Sarasota, came yesterday and Betty has plans to be returning to Sarasota and having her home there once more.

The Merle Schrock family from Goshen, Ind. were spending this weekend with son Quin and Katrina. They left for home Mon. morn. with Quins returning with them and planning to surprise Katrina's parents, Melvin Gingeriches of Topeka, who are celebrating their 25th anniversary this week.

The Joel Wagler family have had lots of visitors this weekend. Ray and Rosalind Coblentz and family of Holmes Co. and Adin and Pauline Stoltzfus and dau. of Hartville spent the weekend with them. This eve. they are expecting Enos & Kathryn of Ohio and Eli & Mary of Sarasota and all Waglers for supper guests.

Sun. eve. Nathan Wagler left for Penn Valley, Pa. to meet the rest of his group who will be flying to Romania and Israel on a singing tour known as "New Horizons Chorale".

Nathan and Rose Overholt were happy to have Rose's sisters, Marie & Becky, spend this weekend with them. They left for their Kentucky home Sun. p.m.

Mrs. Vernon Raber

SIX MILE, S.C.

Pickens Menn.

April 16--We are having nice weather. Temps. having reached up into the 80s.

On Wed. eve., the 4th of April, Vernon & Molly Kauffman from Fair Play, S.C. attended our prayer service.

We had a nice time at the Basic Youth Seminars. My friend, Lynette Wengerd, was here that week and attended them with me.

On Sun., the 8th, our family attended baptismal services at Whispering Pines, Honea Path. We had lunch at the Paul J. Hershberger home.

Also over the weekend of the 8th, Richard & Judy Lauer, Pa., visited son Richie Lauer.

On Wed. eve., the 11th, we had regular prayer service followed by a surprise birthday party for Jesse Wagler.

Yesterday Richie Lauer attended services at Whispering Pines. In the afternoon Clyde Wagler, Leonard & Deloris Miller & family and my sis. Janice and I went to New Holland where we attended their baptismal services. Clyde was asked to perform part of the service.

Our revival services start on Wed. eve. with guest speaker William McGrath from Minerva, Ohio.

Dorothy Mae Marner

BATESBURG, SC

New Holland Community

April 16--Sunny and warm temps. back up to the 80s. Strawberries are just starting to ripen.

Edna Mast was admitted to the H.C.A. Hosp. in Aiken on Thurs. to remove gallstones. She was released again on Sat. and is recuperating at home.

Wed. evening, the Gospel Express Team gave a program at the Aiken Youth Correctional Center where Sam Mast is chaplain.

We received a phone call on Tues. evening that Uncle Eli and Ruth Bontrager from Milford, Dela. were on their way to Blountstown, Fla. and wanted to spend Wed. night at our house.

Fri. evening, Murray Yoders, Dale Mast, Val Millers and Lydia Ann, Wanda and Kenneth Wengerd, all attended the wedding of David Chupp and Benita Stoll in Honea Path.

Visitors in Sun. morning services were the Dale Wengerd family from Due West, Rhonda Mast of Blackville and Hannah Gingerich of Abbeville.

Sun. evening we witnessed a milestone among our group, as 5 applicants were received into the church by water baptism officiated by Clyde Wagler of Pickens Menn. Church. The applicants were Ronnie Yoder (Enos), Kenneth and Wanda Wengerd (Wally), Carolyn Wengerd (Ervin Jr.), and Lisa Miller (Val). We had a lot of visitors from Blackville, and also some from Abbeville.

Locally, we have a neighbor that puts on a display for the different seasons. As we're currently in the Easter season, he has a cross draped in a purple cloth; tombstones; and angels and a sign, "He is Risen." He was featured in our local paper stating that Easter is more than just eggs on a tree and this is his witness to the world.

"You can complain about Congress, you can complain about Bush, but the times has come when you have to hand it to the I.R.S." Val Millers

BLACKVILLE, S.C.

April 16--George Stoltzfus and wife, Buffalo Valley, Pa., along with their grandma from Lanc Co., Pa. arrived Thur. bringing Mrs. Harry Yoder along home who was with her dau., the Kore Yoders several days after the ministers' meeting in Lanc. Co. This occasion brightened the life of 2 people, Harry Yoder and teacher Hannah Stoltzfus, who is a sister to Mrs. George Stotlzfus.

James Hershbergers were visiting with friends near Belvidere, Tn. over Sun. Atlee Rabers arrived home from their vacation trip to Ohio and later Cuthbert, Ga., Thur. eve. after terminating his job at Denmark Tire in Denmark.

David and Naomi Raber were with friends in Sarasota, Fl. over Sun.

Visitors with us Fri. night and Sat. morn. were Galen Yoders, their son-in-laws Carlos & Rosanna Villalobos and their 4 children and Elidier and Gloria Villalobos (newlyweds) from Costa Rica. They are in the States at present, some planning to stay 3 months to a year. From here they left for Honea Path, S.C. to visit Galen's 2 sisters, Mrs. Henry Hershberger and Dorothy Yoder. Sun. after services they received the news of the passing of Galen's sister Dorothy, found beside her bed.

We also received the news early Sun. morn. of the death of my wife's sister Mrs. Mark Brenneman, a cancer victim. She had started with cancer the first time some 20 years ago and seemed to be recovered, then flared up the second time some 8 years ago I believe. A year ago, more or less, it started up again the third time and ending in much patience, suffering and pain with tumors on the liver.

Sol and Elsie Yoder, Montezuma, Ga. arrived at son Enos Yoders' Fri. eve. They came to be present at baptismal services for their grandson Ronnie at the New Holland Church Sun. eve. Sol brought 2 lawn mowers along, one a demonstrator of which he is an agent.

Jr. Millers, Hartville, Ohio are visiting bro. William Millers, the wives being sisters. Jr. is in the roofing business and the weather wasn't too pleasant the past week.

Eli Yoders, Cuthbert, Ga. are with parents, Irvin Weavers over Sun. The family came together at their dau. and sis. Merle Diem Jrs.' after services Sun.

Mike and Joyce Glick, Dundee, N.Y. are with family, Ray Millers, bro., sisters and friends over Sun.

Menno Schrocks left Fri. for Harrisonburg, Va. to attend the wedding of their grandson Nathaniel Miller from Linn, Mo. Emma, Mrs. Alvin Carl Brenneman, who had been with her sister Mary, the David Kanagys, went along with Mennos to Harrisonburg where husband Alvin Carl was to meet her and proceed on to their home near Catlett, Va.

Oats, wheat, barley and rye in heads; cornfields beginning to look green.

John Kanagy

WESTMINSTER, S.C.

Fair Play Christian Fell.

April 13--It's been rather cool lately, with some more rain.

April 1st--Visitors in Sun. morn. services were John Bachers of N.D. (visiting their son Joe & family), Henry Kramers of Ont. (their dau. Marilyn is a camp cook), Freddy Overholts of Ky. and 6 men from Pa. (helping at the new campsite).

Verlon Miller had been to Ks. to visit his family.

Jeff Brubakers had been to Fla. the other week.

The camp staff, William Hendersons and a few others attended Basic Seminar in Greenville, S.C. last week, sponsored by a local church.

Sam & Elmer Kanagy, Clair Zimmerman, Dallas Troyer, Ervin Chupp, Rick & Scott Harding, Lavern Overholt, Harley & Eric Yoder had gone to a prison in Columbia for services last week.

April 8th visitors in morn. services were Fred Micks of Ohio and David Yoders of Del.

Sam Kanagys had gone to Boone, N.C. on Tues. where they spent some time with her sis. Betty (Val) Millers of Aroda, Va.

Gary Schrocks left for Ind. to attend his brother's wedding on Sat., the 14th.

Born to James (J.D.) and Julia (Yoder) Miller, their 3rd child, 2nd dau. Jessica Fern on April 11th at Dryden, Ont.

Stephen Yoders left for Cumberland, Va. to be with his 2 bros. & families.

Born to Paul & Carolyn (Stoll), their 2nd child and son, Dwayne Evans, on April 11th. Her mother from Mich. is down to help them.

Reginia Kauffman (Vernons) will be leaving tomorrow (Sat.) for Seney, Mich. where she'll be employed at Roman Schlabach's restaurant through this spring and summer.

Edna Pritchard of Tex. is with her son Patrick and family.

Clair Schnupp of Ont. will be the speaker at our meetings April 27-30th.

David Yoders

HONEA PATH, SC

April 18--After the 80° weather, today has turned cooler due to the chilly north wind.

On Sun., April 8 was a special day at the Whispering Pines Church. It was the baptismal service for 5 young girls and 3 young boys, namely, Tonya (Julian) Yoder, Lucy (Sam) Schwartz, Janette (Daniel) Hochstetler, Rhoda (Ethan) Miller, Paula (Paul H.) Hershberger, Brad (Billy) Stoll, Sheldon (Leroy) Overholt and Ryan (Ed) Hershberger. A number of grandparents, relatives and friends attended.

On Good Fri. the wedding of Benita (Billy) Stoll and our grandson David (Vernon) Chupp was held at Whispering Pines at 4 p.m. The wedding ceremony was delivered by the bride's father, Min. Billy Stoll. Bish. Joe Hershberger was in charge of the marriage vows. A reception was held at the fellowship hall following the services. Approximately 500 guests attended. David and Benita will be making their home near Due West after returning from their wedding tip to Cozumel Island.

Katie Miller, dau. Jenny, son Bobby and a small welfare baby from Va. Beach, Va. arrived at our house on Thurs. afternoon. They left for home Sun. morning.

Dorman Stutzmans of British Columbia, Can. left this morning after spending a week with their dau. Linda and family, the Leroy Overholts.

Our first church picnic and ball game for this spring was held on Mon. evening.

The death message was received on Sun. morning of Dorothy Yoder. She was a resident of a home in Anderson for mentally disturbed people. Viewing was Tues. forenoon at the Harris Funeral Home in Abbeville. The body was taken for funeral services and burial at Montezuma, Ga., which is to be held today.

The Daniel Hershberger family spent the Easter weekend with their son Quinn and wife Mary Jane at Gladys, Va.

Vernon Chupps have moved a trailer home on the property they purchased from Daniel Hershbergers near Due West. This will be their dwelling place until a house is built.

Mark, son of Alfred Schlabachs of Fredericksburg, Oh., was a weekend guest with his special friend Joan, dau. of Ethan Millers.

Doug Weber of Ont., Can. left Tues. morning for his home after being here with his bride-to-be, Maria Skrivseth for almost a week. They spent Sat. night in Fort Bragg, N.C. with a cousin, Jeff and Alta Tucker.

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